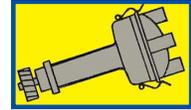


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## THE VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON AT THE CAMBRIDGE YACHT CLUB

February 15<sup>th</sup> was a beautiful day to bring out some cars and enjoy a fine lunch. We did that at the Cambridge Yacht Club, surrounded by blue skies and a nice array of boats. Charles and Barbara Emery organized the lunch to promote comradery among the BCR and Eastern Shore Region membership, in advance of our upcoming AACA Eastern Divisional Tour. We enjoyed a delicious lunch of Chicken Marsala or Baked Him, finished off with Smith Island Cake and some other goodies.

There were 41 in attendance, and they got to know each other much better. Among those present were Chesapeake Region President Paula Ruby, and her husband, Gary. Paula is an AACA Board member, representing the national organization as Vice President of Regions Development and Support for the Eastern Division. As such, she is the Liaison for our meet.

Many Eastern Shore Region members were in attend-

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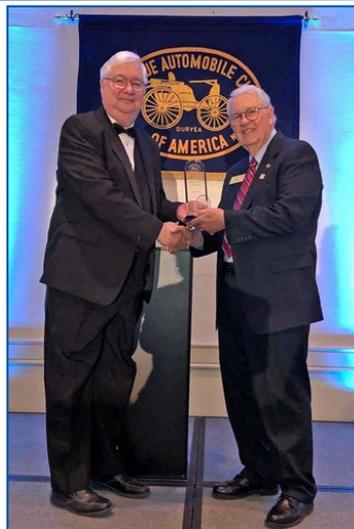
## THE 84TH AACA ANNUAL CONVENTION

The AACA National Meeting was held on February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in Philadelphia, the birthplace of the AACA. It was attended by Bay Country members President Lee Caplan, Charles and Barbara Emery, Craig and Nan Duerling, Pat McCann, and Ken & Sally. **For us, the highlight of the event was Craig Duerling's receiving his Master Webmaster Award, at Saturday's banquet.**

Many interesting and useful seminars were offered, such as:

- Caring for your paint

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# MORE FROM THE AACA ANNUAL CONVENTION

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- Automotive upholstery 101
- British sports cars, 1948-1984
- Vintage hats and jewelry
- Accessorizing your 1949-1980 Chevrolet

As always, Pat McCann hosted J.C. Taylor's hospitality suite, the social center for the event.

The Bay Country region maintained a booth to promote our hosting of the Eastern Divisional Tour, and generated a lot of interest in it. It was manned by all of us at various times.

The convention is a great way to get to know others involved in the hobby, and to learn more about caring for your cars. We hope to see more of you there next year!



The Emerys have breakfast with Eastern Shore Region President Bill Shockley and his wife, Barbara

# THE JANUARY LUNCH BUNCH

Andy & Agnes Wilhelm organized the first Lunch Bunch of the year at the Fisherman's Inn, on Kent Island, on January 9th. The attendance was 18, with five old cars, and one Western Shore Ford Edge.

According to the restaurant's website, back in 1930, Captain Alex Thomas and his wife Mae opened the original Fisherman's Inn, with a seating for 30, along with a grocery store. They lived upstairs with their two children, often renting their own bedrooms to anglers while they slept on the front porch swing.

In 1939, a second floor was added, and when the Chesapeake Bay Bridge was opened in 1952, the addition of a screened porch created seats for even more hungry guests. The couple's daughter Betty and son-in-law Oscar "Sonny" Schulz, built and opened the new larger restaurant in 1971. A fire completely destroyed the restaurant on December 23, 1980, but the Schulz family rebuilt and reopened in July of 1981. In the summer of 1991, the Fisherman's Crab Deck was added. Andy, Jody and Tracy, sons of Oscar and Betty, continue the family tradition of offering the delicious food and friendly service that the family began nearly a century ago.

We enjoyed our lunch and are looking forward to what the Storys are organizing on March 12th.



# MORE OF THE VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON

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ance, including President Bill Shockley, and his wife Barbara. Dual member, Charles Emery, instigator of both the tour and the luncheon, was given the privilege of swearing in the new officers of the ESR. Following that, Bill Shockley presented the President's award to Andrew Pogan. The installation was followed by an animated Chinese Auction, with many of the prizes being commandeered by subsequent winners.

A very good time was had by all, and there is considerable sentiment to do it again next year, with or without an upcoming tour to motivate us.



# PHILADELPHIA'S PACKARD MOTOR CAR BUILDING by Ken



While at the AACA Convention, I took a walk one afternoon, and came upon an upscale apartment building, named the Packard Motor Car Building. I did a double take, and thought "What's up with this?" It was an impressive structure, with a terracotta façade, capped by an elaborate copper cornice. My Bay Country friends might not realize that architecture, particularly late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> century commercial structures, is a hobby of mine, equal to antique cars and railroad operations. It goes nicely with railroad stations, and most of the grand ones were built in that period.

It turns out that the building originally was a major showroom and storage facility for Packard. It is hard to believe, but in the days before income tax and suburbs, the wealthy lived on the fringe of the business district, in large townhouses. Some may have had a carriage house, but it was not suitable for a car. Many traveled extensively, or spent time in the country, at another home, which, in those days, might not be conveniently reachable by car, on the roads of the time. This created a need for storage. Packard also needed to store inventory and have access to nearby railroads, to ship cars in. Collectively, this is probably what caused Packard to build such a large facility just above the center of Philadelphia.

Wikipedia tells me that it was built in 1910-11, and was designed by Albert Kahn, the foremost American industrial architect of his day. He was called the "architect of Detroit" because he designed many structures there for the automotive industry. Between 1917 and 1929, Kahn also designed the headquarters for all three major daily newspapers in Detroit, as well as several significant hotels. Kahn also designed the 28-story Art Deco Fisher Building, as in Fisher Body, now a landmark and considered one of the most beautiful elements of the Detroit skyline. (We have been there. It really is!) In 1928, the Fisher building was honored by the Architectural League of New York as the year's most beautiful commercial structure.

Together with his younger brother Julius, Kahn developed a new style of construction whereby reinforced concrete replaced wood in factory walls, roofs, and supports. This gave better fire protection and allowed large volumes of unobstructed interior space. Packard Motor Car Company's Detroit factory, designed in 1903, was the first to be built according to this principle. The success of the Packard plant interested Henry Ford in Kahn's designs. Kahn designed Ford Motor Company's Highland Park plant, begun in 1909, where Ford consolidated production of the Ford Model T and perfected the assembly line. Kahn later designed, in 1917, the massive half-mile-long Ford River Rouge Complex in Dearborn, Michigan.

Philadelphia's Packard building was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. It is a contributing property to the Callowhill Industrial Historic District. The building was renovated into apartments in 1986 by Bower Lewis Thrower and John Milner Associates.

A final thought: Imagine how dominant the Packard Motor Car once was, able to support commissioning Albert Kahn to build a Packard plant in 1903, and to build such an impressive building in Philadelphia, a 600 mile drive from Detroit, during what was the infancy of the automobile!



## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Friends:

Our new year is officially underway. In the dead of a warm winter there is still plenty to do, as we enjoy each other's company and are able to continue to drive our cars. I hope everyone is well and enjoying the respite we have enjoyed this winter from the cold and snow. Having said that, I know I have doomed us to at least one blast of cold weather before spring truly arrives. My bad!

As the Bay Country Region year begins, I think it appropriate to update our members and friends who read the Distributor on the state of our Region. First, I am pleased to report we have had near total renewal of memberships. I am working to insure that our Student Chapter members also stay with us, along with a couple of yet to renew members, whom we value greatly. I am looking forward to sharing ideas and planning events with our members in the year which is unfolding. We will actively get together and drive, dine, and socialize, several times each month in 2020. Whether it is a Lunch Bunch, a meeting, region tours, parades, 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events, or the AACA Eastern Division Tour, our calendars will burst with opportunities to meet, greet, and celebrate within the hobby we all love.

Second, the Region's finances are stable. We continue to run our operating budget, with income and expenditures in near perfect balance. Our held assets are stable. While nothing of the sort is currently planned, we are in a situation where, in the future, if the Region decided to embark on hosting an income generating event, we could make the initial investment to launch such a venture. I mention this because, perhaps contrary to popular belief, one day we are going to hand our Region off to younger members who, with the legacy we currently are maintaining, could decide to host shows or swap meets in the name of the Bay Country Region.

You are probably asking why I am confident in my prediction that a younger generation will inherit and cherish our hobby. At the AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, earlier this month, I was privileged to attend a seminar session regarding the future of our hobby. I heard three young people discuss the roles they have already taken to promote the collecting and preservation of vehicles we all define as antique.

I have previously discussed at our meetings the role that RADwood plays in introducing the collecting of 1980-1999 vehicles to masses of young car owners. Like the AACA, they organize meets throughout the nation, where members bring their cars, their recollections of life, and their period-correct costumes to one place, at one time. Unlike AACA, RADwood organizes almost entirely online, collecting "dues" in the form of show attendance fees and merchandise sales. So far, this seems to be a sustainable model. If you are interested in seeing RADwood up close, they are planning to mount two shows on the East Coast this year, one in Greenville, South Carolina (a huge center of automotive manufacturing) on March 21<sup>st</sup>, and another nearby to us, in Philadelphia, on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

I am now happy to report on the existence of yet another large group, organized online, primarily on Facebook. Malaise Motors has over 9,000 members in its group. Don't let their name throw you. It comes from the era of vehicles they focus upon. Between 1972 and 1995, government regulation mandated the detuning of engines in new cars, anticipating continued energy shortages and to reduce emissions. Overnight, the muscle car era died. The sleek designs of just a few years before remained,

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### KENT ISLAND CRUISERS

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'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, 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

'61 **MGA MKI** Fixed Head Coupe, Project or parts car, No title, pretty complete car, \$2500.

'80's **Chevy C20**, 2wd, bad engine, Normal rust, no title, \$800.

**Vintage Bumper Car Tub**, \$450.

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but the horsepower was just barely enough to motivate the vehicles from place to place. By 1996, OBD, or Onboard Diagnostics, were universally adopted within the auto industry, bringing ever-increasing engine performance back to the automobile buying public, and effectively ending the malaise era.

Malaise Motors members seek nothing less than to own, drive, and PRESERVE vehicles manufactured during the era of style without performance. When you think about it, modifying these cars to perform to modern standards destroys their character, and their reason for being. Hence the cars publicized, and most revered, by this large group of mostly younger, and, by the way, very respectful collectors, are those surviving examples, or those restored, as manufactured. As time has marched on, all of the cars covered by the Malaise Era are now AACA eligible.

The founder of Malaise Motors, Bryan Rabb Davis, spoke at the AACA National Meeting, in Philadelphia. He is a Californian, but now works as a real estate property manager in, of all places, Baltimore. The collector car world has not heard the last of Bryan, and perhaps we'll get to meet him at a Region meeting someday soon.

I look forward to getting back to Maryland full time in March, after splitting my time with Windy, between kids and grandkids, in North Carolina, over the last three, now going on four months, and resume my responsibilities at home. I wish only the best in life and health for all of our members and friends. See all of you all soon.!

*Lee Caplan*, President

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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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 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**ITEMS FOR THE DISTRIBUTOR** should be submitted by the 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### February

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

### March

- 3 **BCR Board Meeting. 1:00-2:00 pm; at the home of Cathy Prouse**
- 12 **Lunch Bunch. Register with the Storys at 410-438-3409 or [queenofdt@gmail.com](mailto:queenofdt@gmail.com). Meet at Hyde Park at 12:30 pm**
- 14 All Clubs Breakfast Buffet, 8 – 11am, Millsboro Fire Department
- 17 **St. Patricks Day Parade; 5:30 – 6:30pm**
- 18 **BCR Monthly Business Meeting. 7:30 pm; Dinner (optional) at 6:00 pm, Easton Diner**
- 28 6th Annual Wicomico High School Band Car Show & Quarter Auction—at the Parsonsburg Vol. Fire Co. 33030 Old Ocean City Rd., Parsonsburg MD 21849 12:30-4:00PM Reg. \$10. Awards: Top 10, Band's Choice, Director's Choice. Dash plaques to the first 50 registered. Info: Buck Burton [burtons31981@comcast.net](mailto:burtons31981@comcast.net) or 410-251-1121

### April

- 7 **BCR Board Meeting. 1:00-2:00 pm; at the home of Cathy Prouse**
- 15 **BCR Monthly Business Meeting. 7:30 pm; Dinner (optional) at 6:00 pm, Easton Diner**

### May

- 5 **BCR Board Meeting. 1:00-2:00 pm; at the home of Cathy Prouse**
- 13-16 **AACA Eastern Divisional Tour (up to 1995)—Maryland's Eastern Shore; Charles Emery: 410-742-8342**
- 20 **BCR Monthly Business Meeting. 7:30 pm; Dinner (optional) at 6:00 pm, Easton Diner**
- 24 Wicomico Middle School Car & Motorcycle Show Parkway Church of God (across Rt. 50 from Wicomico Middle School) 4:30-7:30 PM Reg. \$10 Day of Show; Buck Burton 410-251-1121; [burtons31981@comcast.net](mailto:burtons31981@comcast.net)

### June

- 2 **BCR Board Meeting. 1:00-2:00 pm; at the home of Cathy Prouse**
- 13 **Picnic at Ken & Sally's 1:00 pm**
- 15-18 Early Ford V8 Club Eastern National Meet
- 17 **BCR Monthly Business Meeting. 7:30 pm; Dinner (optional) at 6:00 pm, Easton Diner**



The January Lunch Bunch lineup

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**INSIDE: THE VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCH AND THE AACA CONVENTION**

**BIRTHDAYS**

2/19	CHARLOTTE NICKERSON	3/27	MARY STORY	4/13	NEIL GRANT
3/7	CRAIG DUERLING	3/27	AGNES WILHELM	4/19	NAN DUERLING
3/7	DAN NELSON	3/27	AGNES WILHELM	4/25	EVELYNE GARNER
3/8	SARA BURTON	4/4	ELLEN MARIE FOSTER	5/1	ANDY WILHELM
3/15	MARIE SCHMIDT	4/5	FRANK BRADLEY	5/8	CATHY PROUSE
3/21	KIM HATCHER	4/13	LOU DOLL	5/9	SALLY DONNER

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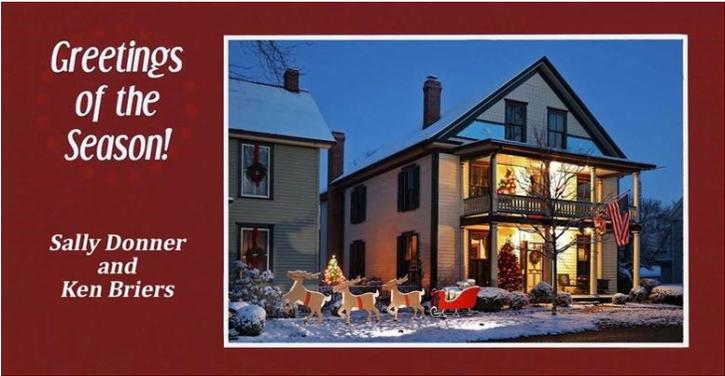
Sally and Ken:

What a beautiful Greeting. Although pretty to look at, I do not miss the cold and snow. Your travels are all interesting.

I wish you a Happy New Year of many more places to explore. You are doing a superb job as editor and keeping members informed. **I also wish many happy winding roads to all BCR members.**

I value receiving the BCR Newsletter, so I can keep up with old car friends. I still belong to Sarasota Sunshine Region and attend most meetings activities.

**Happy New Year!**  
*Shirley Wise*



**....and the picnic is not that far away:  
June 13th!**  
*Ken*