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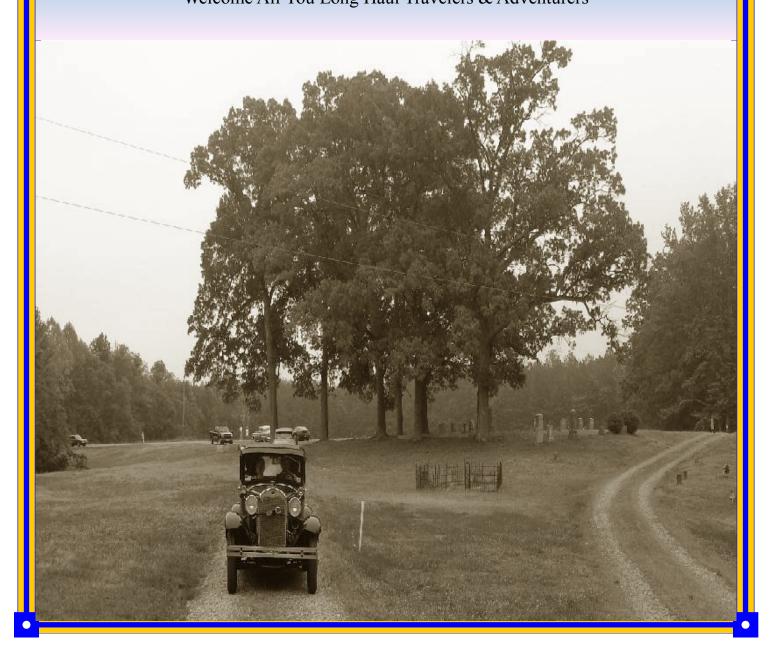
#### THIS LONELY TOURIST WASN'T ALONE FOR LONG!

Starting at page 5, see details about the 49 cars that traveled our country back roads.

Visiting AACA Regions take over the Northern Neck in the

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**Keep Charlene Schnakenberg in your prayers** as she recovers from a broken foot.

#### Northern Neck Region Schedule

All National Meets and Tours are in bold

June 6 Carrington Place 2:00

12 General Meeting 7:30 p.m.

21 Rivafest Car Show/Cruise-in

22 Roma Cruise-in 4-6

July 10 General Meeting 7:30 p.m.

27 Roma Cruise-in 4-6

14 General Meeting 7:30 p.m. August

24 Roma Cruise-in 4-6

**September** 11 General Meeting 7:30 p.m.

28 Roma Cruise-in 4-6

9 General Meeting 7:30 p.m. October

26 Roma Cruise-in 4-6

**November** 13 General Meeting 7:30 p.m.

23 Roma Cruise-in & Party 2-4

**December** 13 General Meeting 7:30 p.m.

28 Roma Cruise-in 2-4

# Happy Anniversary!

Gene & Shorty Brooks Peyton & Mae Lynne Guest

Gerry & Susan Hice

Frank & Joy Layne

Samuel & Linda Townshend

Richard & Gerry Wiley





4th - Buzzie Trader

10th - Bob Sydnor

12th - Mae Lynne Guest

14th - Marion Dungan

23rd - Gordon Given



to have someone take over for you: Sept. - Open

June - Sevilas Oct. - Gattons July - Harrisons Nov. - P. & M Guest

Aug. - Schnakenbergs Dec. - Open



#### Northern Neck Region

#### President's Report "My Turn" By Ward Sevila

Let me start by saying I am totally in awe and so impressed with the members of this car club (actually always have been) with what this club can do. The month of May was particularly challenging with two large events – the AACA 2014 Eastern Division Tour dubbed "Touring Historic Virginia" and the just completed car show. It was to say the least a challenging month - but this club met it head on and did a job that we (the entire Northern Neck Region) can all take pride in.

I want to thank all who helped in these two endeavors from the individuals who did a great job of organizing, planning, registering, collecting donations, and selling raffle tickets to those who helped parking cars, directing traffic, managing tour stops, judging car classes, tallying awards and in so many other ways it is hard to mention all of them. It was especially nice seeing some of the newer members pitching in and working shoulder to shoulder with the many veterans that always show up for these kinds of events and activities. I skipped trying to name all the names so that I don't miss anyone. But you know (and we know) who you are and I thank each and every one for all the hard work you did to make this club shine for so many from all over the Virginia, Maryland, and DC region, as well as pretty much the east coast and beyond (the tour) to participate and enjoy. I have heard some preliminary numbers on the results of these two events but will wait until the official treasurer's report at the monthly meeting to get the final numbers. Please check the web site www.nnkregionaaca.org for plenty of pictures of both events.

As for numbers on the show, we had 121 cars with 4 pre-registered that did not show up and 5 new vendors. That's as big of a show as we have had since I've been involved with the club and represents a 63% increase over last years show. While we did have rain last year we weren't averaging much more than that show from year to year. It looks like the move to Stan's property together with the more centralized location in

Montross just may be the thing that gets our show back to respectable numbers on a consistent basis. I have to say thanks to Brent and Sherry Gatton for first suggesting this location and then working with Stan to make it happen.

Mark your calendars as the board has set the date for this year's picnic as August 10. The location is yet to be determined but has been narrowed down to the Guest farm, (or should I say the infamous Peyton's place), Brent & Sherry's rivah home, or Rob Hall's family home on the Coan River. We will let you decide at the meeting.

We don't want to forget the birthdays for this month - Mary Jean Inscoe 1<sup>st</sup>, Peyton Guest & Albert Jones 03<sup>rd</sup>, Buzzie Trader 4<sup>th</sup>, Bob Sydnor 10<sup>th</sup>, Mae Lynne Guest 12<sup>th</sup>, Marion Dungan 14<sup>th</sup>, and Gordon Given 23<sup>rd</sup>. Happy birthday everyone. And I should add that nuptials are being celebrated in June by Gene & Shorty Brooks, Peyton & Mae Lynne Guest, Gerry & Susan Hice, Frank & Joy Layne, Samuel & Linda Townshend, and Richard & Gerry Wiley. Happy anniversary folks.

As most of you already know we canceled the trip to Montpelier this month due to conflicts with other events and the fact that June is another "fun" packed month with plenty of events to enjoy by all. We may, if there is sufficient interest, attempt to resurrect the trip to Madison in the fall. With a couple of events for June already in the books for the cruise-ins at Carrington Place (June 6) and Clayton Homes (June 7) we have two neighbor regions with shows on the 7<sup>th</sup> (Historic Fredericksburg) and the 14<sup>th</sup> (Richmond) coming up soon and sandwiched in between is our monthly meeting. And don't forget Rivahfest is fast approaching for the 21<sup>st</sup>. Last but not least is the Roma cruise-in set for the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Remember to come to the membership meeting to have your voice on the location of the picnic this year. Happy Father's Day to all you dads and hope to see you at the monthly meeting at 7:30 PM, June 12 in Callao.

# Minutes 5/9/14 By: Cheryl Melton

Ron and Sandy Cook provided a bountiful assortment of goodies for our eating pleasure prior to the meeting. Ward opened the meeting by welcoming back former member Bob Nead. Bob was there trying to help a friend sell his 1924 Dodge Brothers 2 Door Sedan. Priced at \$14,000. Ward also announced that the club had grown recently and announced that Dave and Cindy Franklin were at the meeting and had officially joined the club. Dave drove his gorgeous 56 Ford pickup to the cruise-in at Bella's on Saturday.

Peyton Guest made the motion to accept but not read the minutes at this meeting. Cathy Harrison seconded.

Mae Lynne gave the Treasurer's report to include proceeds and expenses to date from the tour. Report was approved by the club membership..

Minutes were passed for previous meeting. Paul Stosch made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report and it was passed.

Ward indicated that someone (no name mentioned) recommended that more of the club's business transactions be handled by a meeting of the Board only and that we save the monthly meetings for more open conversations. Ward asked that members feel free to speak up about concerns and points they wanted to discuss.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Ward talked about the past discussions regarding charities. Someone had questioned our status as a nonprofit organization. Dwayne noted that the club had not filed taxes or paperwork to have a tax exempt status for over 3 years and that our tax exempt status was revoked in Nov, 2012. Dwayne, Mae Lynne and Ward are scheduled to meet with the District Manager for H&R Block on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014. She is a tax advisor and will assist the club to regain our status as a C4 organization.

Dwayne indicated that we will be charged a \$400 penalty and that the club may have to pay some funds to get this matter reconciled. Earl Beauchamp made a motion that the club do whatever is needed to correct the situation and it was approved.

The second item of old business was a discussion of the Montpelier

Cruise and tour on June 14th. Paul Stosch dropped out in favor of attending the Richmond Region annual car show. Ward had the sign-up sheet passed around to either add or strike their names. No other were signed up or dropped from the list leaving 10 members signed

up. Ward announced that the Montpelier tour would leave Warsaw on the 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am. Arrive in Madison at 9:30 am. Tour at 10:00 am. Lunch at 12:00 pm and then tour restoration shop at 2:00 pm. Return home from there.

The third item was a discussion of Car Show Business. There will be a planning meeting at Bella's Pizza on May 21 at 6:00 pm. Setup for the car show will be at Stan's field on May 30<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM to lay out the Car Show.

Paul reminded folks of the Cruise-in at Northern Neck Chevrolet on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-2:00.

Bob Nead announced a Car Show/Cruise-in at the Williamsburg Visitor's Center on May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. No literature handed out.

Paul also reminded members of the drive in at Carrington's Nursing Home on June  $6^{th}$  at 2:00 pm and a cruise-in at Clayton Homes on June  $7^{th}$  in Tappahannock from 10:00 – 2:00. The Club will be paid for our participation at Clayton Homes.

Ward announced that we were also asked to do a cruise -in at Heathsville Tavern in August, but arrangements have not been finalized for that yet.

Paul also announced that he had a friend in Colonial Beach with a 65 Chevy with a 396 engine for sale for \$25 K.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ward turned the meeting over to Wayne Burgess for a discussion of the upcoming tour. Wayne gave a daily happenings report:

#### (Tuesday)

On the first day folks will be registering at the hospitality suite at Holiday Inn. The opening banquet will be at Lowery's that night at 6:00 pm. All members will be invited to come and join the banquet after dessert. Then the business meeting will be conducted by Wayne with introductions etc. Peyton was asked to give the blessing at dinner.

#### (Wednesday)

Tour to King & Queen. Any member can go on the tour but will have to pay \$10.00 each for the lunch. Wayne purchased 10 extra tickets to sell. There will be a stop in Stevensville (not sure of spelling) for a photo of each driver's car upon the return.

#### (Thursday)

Discussed various touring sites. Wayne wanted to have a driver's meeting that morning prior to tours. After the tours, folks will gather at the Jones Home across from RCC campus.

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(Friday)

Wayne announced that the boat tour was for paid tour folks only!

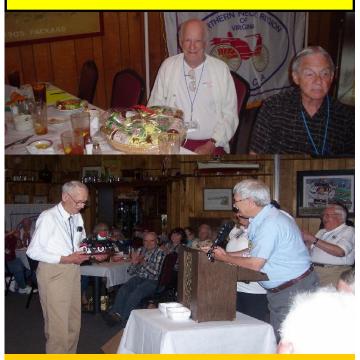
They will need to be at Captain Thomas at 7:30 am. The boat will leave sharply at 8:00 am. They will return back to Hoskins Creek at noon.

They will drive to downtown area and have one hour to eat lunch wherever they choose. The closing banquet will be at Lowery's at 6:00 pm.

Mae Lynne won the 50-50 worth \$19.00.

With no further questions, Ward adjourned the meeting.

> Eastern Divisional Tour Hosted by: Northern Neck AACA Organized by: Wayne & Gloria Burgess Awards & Prizes



Above; Oldest Driver Award





Above: Winner of the "Longest Distance" Award Below: Winner of the "Youngest Driver" Award



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# "Getting To Know You" Series #3

# Scoop Gatton Getting the Scoop on . . . . "Earl & Judy Beauchamp"

#### Earl

Earl's first car and his first OLD car, was a blue 1939 Buick with spare tires mounted on the front fenders, just like the one he has now. It was already 16 years old, when he got it. When Earl got married, he had \$45.00 after the honeymoon and used it to buy an old '39 Buick in a field for \$40.00. Earl's cousin, body shop owner Buddy Beauchamp, had to tow it to Judy's parent's farm home in Herndon, where Judy's Dad got it running. Earl says that old cars have long been his love, straight Eight Buicks in particular. And that is what he always dreamed of having. I asked him what was the reason for such an attraction to Buicks and he said because his Dad bought a '39 Buick when Earl was just three years old and kept it until 1951. He said he has a lot of good childhood memories around Buicks, 1939 in particular. He went on to elaborate that to him "a '39 Buick has the prettiest smiling grille", and he even wrote a book called "The Smile That Lasted A Lifetime". I have to admit that I am very impressed with anyone who takes the time to write a book. I have just a sample of the trouble involved in just doing a newsletter that might be interesting.

I asked Earl if he had any memories about dates, girls, problems, etc. that had to do with cars. He told me about a time when he was in high school, and he was eyeing this girl on the school bus. He asked her out, and went to pick her up in his '39 Buick, but there was this older guy there. Earl went ahead and took the girl for a ride towards Fredericksburg and the Buick broke down. That same older guy, just happened to pull up (must have been following them) and asked Earl's date if she wanted to ride with him instead, and she did. Needless to say, Earl never dated her again. I told him, that circumstances showed what kind of girl she was and he is much better off without her. Another memory around cars was that Earl's Dad was putting points in the car and found cigarettes in the glove box – so he took the car away for two weeks. Hey, probably ALL of us have had the car taken away for one reason or another.

Earl told me about a car that he could say he lusted for and it was a 1941 Buick Limited Limousine. He didn't get that particular car, which was black with a blue and gray wool interior, but he later got one almost like it. Earl says that his father hated old cars, but his Uncle Carroll Beauchamp Sr. was his influence, as he always had junk cars around the farm in Montross.

Earl is from Arlington, Virginia and from there he went to Glen Burnie, then Severn, then to Montross, a town he fell in love with as a kid, as his family often visited his Uncle Carroll & Aunt Edna. Earl was born in Washington, D.C. I told him that I too was born in D.C. at Sibley Hospital, but Earl was born at Georgetown University Hospital. He now lives 7 months a year in Sebring, Florida and 5 months a year in Warsaw. He remembers his at Uncle Carroll's farm when he was young. There was an old wooden "Ice Box", no electric, an outhouse for a bathroom and an iron cook stove. I asked

Earl if he had family near-by. He told me that all his family has passed away, but he has one daughter in Baltimore, Maryland and one in Florida.

Earl read about the AACA in a book after first seeing an AACA car show. Earl's Dad referred to old cars as nothing but junk, but Earl thought, "He has to be wrong". Luckily for us all, Earl investigated the club on his own. He had first seen the AACA car show when he was 21 years old, and driving the \$40 1939 Buick through Fairfax. The show was at Jim McKay Chevrolet. He stopped in and got an application but, you had to be recommended in order to join and he didn't know anybody. He got married in 1959 and joined the club in 1962 when he was 23 and Judy was 22. The AACA was not the only club Earl joined. He also joined clubs like Buick, Olds, Pontiac, and even Ford Crown Victoria. In 1965 he started a National Club called "CHVA" which stands for Contemporary Historical Vehicle Association which was for cars 1928-48, because until 1968 AACA's newest allowed car was 1935, except for "recognized" Classic Cars. Although Earl always remained active in local AACA activities, when AACA changed their rules. Earl became more involved in AACA and began attending National AACA activities as well.

Earl does have other hobbies besides Buicks, and now he and Judy even have the Oldsmobile, an odd-ball in their collection. He tried Amateur Radio, electric trains, loves traveling, dancing and he still plays the violin on occasion. He played regularly in a square dance band from 1953 until around 1971.

I asked him how he and Judy met. He said "Judy's brother asked me to play Happy Birthday in the band. Judy then came up and thanked me. I said, "How old are you?" She answered, "I'm 18." Earl remembers thinking she looked 14, and replied, "That'll be the day, you're more like 14." The next time she came, she brought her birth certificate, and said to him, "so what do you think now *fiddle player*?"

#### Judy

A 1958 Buick was Judy's first car, her first old car, and the only car she ever ran out of gas in. But, her first love was not a specific car or even Earl or some guy previous to Earl, but her first cousin. I thought, "That is very mysterious." And then she told me that he and his two brothers came to live with her family when he was only 2 years old. She says he was "her doll baby". He wouldn't eat if Judy wasn't at the table. He was her "live" doll baby. Later her cousins were placed with different foster families. He was six years old the last time she saw him, but she stays in contact with his older brother. She hopes one day through his older brother to be able to see him again.

Judy actually learned to drive on the farm's Ford Tractor. Judy remembers that her dad had a 36 Plymouth forever. And she says, "We pushed it more than we ever

Judy (continued on next page)

rode in it". So it's no wonder she really liked a 1948 Chrysler Town & Country that she saw. I asked her why that particular car? She said "because of the wood on it". She went on to explain (with a grin on her face) "I was the first girl in my high school enroll in wood shop to the shop teacher's dismay." The second year, being the only girl in the shop, she had very little trouble getting help with projects.

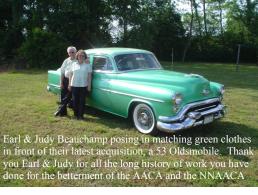
I asked her who was her influence to be involved with old cars. She said quite deliberately, "EARL BEAUCHAMP, JR.!" Judy, being a bit of a tomboy, worked on old cars with her Dad. She wanted to learn to change a tire, so her Dad got out the tools, told her how to do it, but then told her, "Okay, do it."

She is originally from Herndon, Virginia, but she was born in Ashburn, Virginia AT HOME. She says her Mamma had a midwife. Judy had an older sister who was 66 and a younger brother who was 62 and both died ten months apart. Both parents died at age 73. The family she has now is her husband, daughters and numerous cousins.

Judy joined AACA with Earl when she was 22. He was appointed National Judge's Training Director in 1975 and took that post in 1976. She was told she needed to work in administration and help with the judging forms and support her husband. She says "Mr. Beauchamp, went on to become National President of the AACA." Now 39 years later, Judy is still working in administration supporting her husband.

Judy uses her dolls to display sentimental items like Earl's crib. She takes great care with how she displays all of their items. For example she has a picture of Earl in a high chair when he was a baby and that picture is hung directly over the actual high chair. She has a special room Earl had built just for her dolls. She loves to crochet. Several members have received Afghans from her which she calls her "gifts of love." I think that it may be a combination of being thrifty and sentimental, but she still has the couch, chair, coffee table and end tables, from when she and Earl were first married. Of course they've been re-upholstered, in fact while they lived in Montross. Another hobby is sending cards to

friends as a special reminder, to let the receiver know someone is thinking of them, or to thank them, etc. Judy makes people feel



good! What a wonderful, unselfish, thoughtful, thing to do.

I asked Judy how her and Earl met and she said "at a dance where he was on the bandstand "*fiddling*" around and they are still making beautiful music together 57 years later."!

#### TOUR Pictures (continued from page 5)



**Above:** NNAACA Vice Pres. Wayne Burgess –Presented Award for Organizing the Tour by his fellow club members for a Job Well Done!

**Below**: NNAACA President received the AACA award for hosting a national tour presented to the Northern Neck Region



#### Hospitality Table

Door Prize Table





#### NORTHERN NECK REGION 2014 DIVISIONAL TOUR

By Wayne Burgess

The week of May 13-16 had our region hosting its second AACA National Tour, the first having occurred back in 2001. We had 100 AACA members from eleven states attend, some as far away as Texas and Michigan. Mike and Joan Huffman actually drove their 1935 Auburn down from their home in Hudsonville, Michigan to be with us. Probably over 1/3 of our tourers were first time national participants. After the week with us, they were looking forward to the next AACA Tour.

We began the week Wednesday with a leisurely trip through King & Queen county, enjoying stops at two local churches, and spending the afternoon at King &



Q u e e n Courthouse after enjoying a lunch provided by the county Women's Club. Our AACA N a t i o n a l President, Micky Bohne, even remarked that the country roads

reminded her so much of her youth back in West Pike, Pennsylvania.

On Thursday, we spent the day traveling around the back roads of Richmond County and Warsaw, Virginia, visiting Sabine Hall, Mt. Airy, Menokin, and the Jones Home. Because of limited tour times, our tourers were able to wave each time they met each other traveling in



1935 Auburn Speedster from Michigan parked at King & Queen Courthouse

different directions. Amazingly, no one got lost. Well, one couple did arrive at their stop a little too early, and had to hurry up to the plantation home they were actually scheduled for. We certainly put on a display that

Pictures by Earl Beauchamp, Jr, Ted Thomas, and Sherry Gatton



Our resident "docent", Caitlin Thomas in period dress at Mt Airy, Warsaw, Virginia

day as I'm sure all of the locals wondered if they had encountered a time warp, seeing all of these old cars in town.



A few of the antique cars at the Jones Home. Notice our tourers waiting in line to tour the home.

Friday, the day began with a serious little rain event. About half of our members traveled up and down the Rappahannock River on the Captain Thomas while having early American history described to them by an Essex County Museum Docent, Howard Reisinger. The other half decided to spend the morning at the host hotel, Holiday Inn Express. The hotel was kind enough to leave the breakfast room open for our folks all morning. The sun soon came out and they all headed to downtown Tappahannock, where the 49 antique cars in attendance were displayed all afternoon. The town of Tappahannock even brought out their antique fire truck to be with us. After a guick lunch, local musician Michael Burgess, entertained folks with a little music. After that Essex Museum host, Joan Moore, had her group's docents lead everyone on a walking tour through town explaining the history of the many homes, churches,

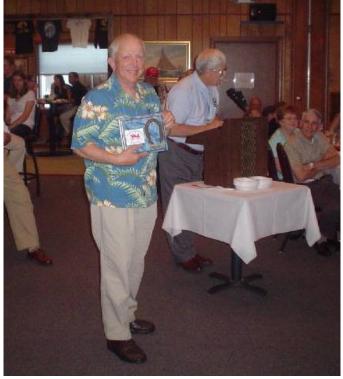
and waterfront attractions of days gone by.



Cars parked in downtown Tappahannock. Very nice Oldsmobile and Gene Roy's '58 Chevy from Florida.



Closing banquet! Brent, Sherry, and Chris finally get a chance to chill out at Lowery's!



Charles Emery from North East, Md got the hard luck award, but our local mechanic had his Mercedes running before the first day's touring began.

Our final banquet on Friday evening was attended by everyone at Lowery's Restaurant with a very special meal that everyone enjoyed. The touring awards were given out to our participants (Thanks Sherry for making those) and our president, Ward Sevila, received a special AACA National Award on behalf of our region hosting the event.

And, that's when the trouble started! Not really, but our members could not hold back anymore with the pomp and civility we had endured all week. The real "WE" came out as we started teasing each other, sharing the fun that our club always has with each other with our new friends. Everyone had a special time sharing the memories of the week.



Our club was very fortunate to have both the AACA President, Micky Bohne and husband Don, and also Executive Vice President Don Barlop, and wife Carol, with us on this tour.

As a side note, one of the tourers wrote back to me and explained that on returning home, his wife had immediately looked for the AACA magazine so they could plan their "second" tour with the AACA this year. We must have done a good job guys. Another from Pennsylvania has suggested to his region that they host a national tour in the near future. Having fun seems to be contagious.

I'd like to thank all of our members for going beyond the call of duty to make this event a success.

#### NORTHERN NECK CHEVROLET RE-OPENING (CRUISE and RAFFLE SALES)



Below: Cecil Posey's 41 Chevy



Above: Fla. Visitors Jim and Judy Briley 58 Pontiac Bonneville. Below:



Left -Above and below: Gerald Dick's 53 Mercury



Above: Paul Stosch's 32 Chevy Below: Wayne & Ruth DuBois'63 T-Bird



Northern Neck Chevrolet provided anyone in attendance, food, drink, entertainment, and prizes, during the re-opening event of the newly remodeled show room. Thanks Tom.

# Bella's Car Show Bella's Restaurant, Tappahannock, VA



Above L to R: Cars driven by: Brent Gatton, Paul Stosch, Ted Thomas, Wayne DuBois, Mae Lynne Guest, Peyton Guest, Dave Franklin, & Mike Arenson



Above: Paul Stosch's 55 Chevy. Below Left to Right: Wayne Burgess' 56 Chevy & Ward & Cathie Sevila's 62 Corvette



Above: Galaxie Convertible. Below-Left to R: Different angle of picture at bottom left.



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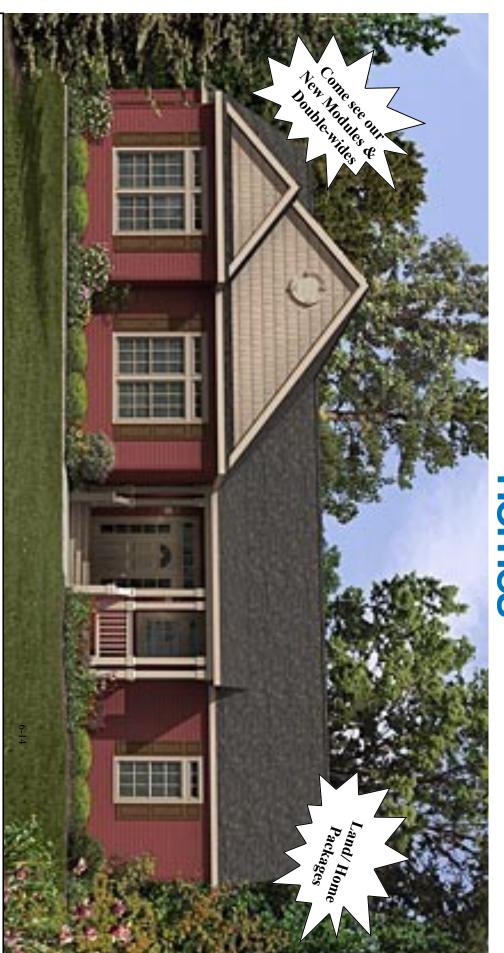
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### THURSDAY

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DATE!!!

DO NOT MISS IT!

#### NOTE FROM EDITOR!

If you are a member and hear of some other member not getting their newsletter, please let me, or another board member know!



Club T-Shirts, Hats, and Car Medallions are on sale now



Shirts and hats are embroidered with the club logo. Shirts \$15.00 each, Hats \$10.00 each. Medallions \$15.00 each.

What is going on? Is our club's Vice President Directing Movies in his spare time? Does he have to do community service road work for unpaid tickets?



To find out the answers to this and more, read pages 5, & 7-9. Also check out the slide show on our web site www.nnkregionaaca.org

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# **Northern Neck Region Ad Rates**

Business Card	\$30.00
Quarter Page	\$75.00
Half Page	
Full Page	

Note from editor: This issue did not allow space to cover the club's car show in Montross, VA. Next issue will feature a full story and pictures of our very successful show as well as a sincere thanks to everyone that helped.

#### Spring/Summer Cruise-in at

Roma Ristorante Every 4th Sunday

4-6 PM - Summer Hours!

With or without your antiques (cars).

Please Note: Parenthetical expression added because someone thought it was in reference to the ladies

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