



It's all about the ride.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

My name is Robert Praetorius, and I have been recently elected as the director of the Delaware Valley Region of the Classic Car Club. The newsletter has been absent for about 13 years, and the DVR board members have made a renewed commitment to bring it back. As we all know, the newsletter is the thread that binds the club. We hope to bring back some club camaraderie and automotive value to the membership. This is also a two way dialogue, and we welcome membership participation. Maybe you have an event and you would like some classic car representation or help in solving a mechanical issue with your cars.

The CCCA represents an era in automotive history from 1915 to 1948. During that time period, many innovations evolved, such as: hydraulic brakes, double overhead cam engines with hemispherical heads, supercharging, and independent front suspensions, just to name a few. However, the biggest innovation was body design. During that 32 year period, automotive body design went from square and boxy to rolling sculptured artwork. This rolling sculptured artwork was to be displayed at every driving function so everyone could see these cars and appreciate them. It's why we call it the Classic Era.

The founding members of the DVR incorporated this club in April of 1954. It was actually called the Philadelphia Region, and I have included copies of the first car show, the list of members that brought cars, and the minutes of the first meeting. These were a group of real car guys, as the cars weren't known as Classics and they weren't worth much at all. Many of these cars were sitting in junk yards to be scrapped if they hadn't already been scrapped for the metal drives for the war effort of WWII. So it's important to understand what these members were trying to do. Their goal was to preserve, maintain, and drive these cars so every one could enjoy and appreciate them.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Plan now to join us for our upcoming events! See dvrccca.org for more details.

Multi-Club Visit to the Nickett Collection

Date: Sunday, April 1, 2024

See p. 5 for details and a registration form.

RROC & MBCA Williamsburg, VA Lucky Charms Tour

Date: March 15-17, 2024

See p. 6 for details.

Octorara Creek River Tour

Date: May 18, 2024

See p. 8 for details

All members, please send a list of local events that you are aware of to Cliff so he can compile a complete list.

So 2024 is the 70th anniversary of the DVR, and we will be hosting several events through the year to celebrate. We hope you can bring your cars out and join us in the journey. Please remember, it's all about the ride.

Robert Praetorius,
Director

BACK TO THE BEGINNING: THE START OF THE DVRCCCA

This is a special treat! We have copies of documents from the first meeting of the DVRCCCA in April 1954, nearly 70 years ago. Here is the full text of the invitation, first attendance record / minutes, and first newsletter, re-created with their original spelling and punctuation.

CLASSIC CAR MEET

April 3, 1954, Springhouse Tavern
Route 309, Springhouse, Pennsylvania

On April 3rd the newly formed Philadelphia Region of the Classic Car Club of America will hold its first meeting at the Springhouse Tavern, US 309 or Bethlehem Pike north of Ambler. Plan to arrive about 2 p.m.; the brief business meeting will begin at 3 p.m.

The seventy local members of the CCCA will look forward to this first meeting for the chance to drive their favorite classic to this premier Philadelphia showing.

You who are not members of the Classic Car Club but share our admiration for the powerful and striking automobiles of the Golden Era of Automobiles come and enjoy meeting others who drive these fine vehicles.

The Springhouse Tavern has a capacious parking lot and an attractive bar. Rain or shine, we promise a pleasant afternoon.

Jesse Nalle, Chairman
Philadelphia Region

Did You Know?

The Spring House Tavern, location of the first meeting of the DVRCCCA, was founded in 1719, and it still exists!

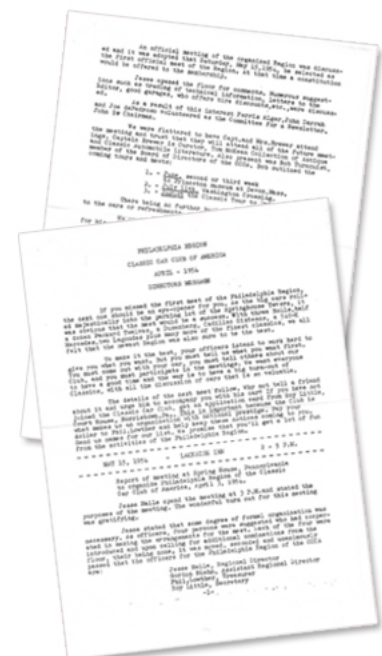
Their current address is 1032 N Bethlehem Pike, Ambler, PA 19002.

Visit their website at springhousetavern.com.



Invitation to the first meeting, reprinted above

Attendance and minutes from the first meeting, reprinted on p. 3



Our first newsletter, reproduced in its entirety on p. 3-5.

April 3, 1954.

At the first meeting of the Philadelphia Region of the Classic Car Club of America, a fee of \$1.00 was decided upon by majority vote for membership in the Philadelphia Region branch. The Treasurer collected \$1.00 from the following members:

Roy Wilson, 36 Oak Lane, Primos, PA
Ben Harrington
Gordon Casey
Bob White
Mike D. Roberts
John Darrah
Scott Brobston
John A. Pritchett
Raymond de Vos
E. D. Hunter
Alfred E. Fletcher
William Walter, Sr.
William Walter, Jr.
C. Richard Bell
Ferris Alger
Paul Schuster
Tom Mahoney
C.W.Masters
Joseph Cirtis
Wallace, Ryon, Ambler, PA
Roy Little
Perc L. Lamm
Phil Lowther
Robert Odabashian
Sam Bailey
George Corson
Dr. A. Simeone
Gordon Biehn
William M. Klein, Jr., Linden Ave., Elizabeth, Pa.
Robert Turnquist
Wendling
Bayard Bedenhausen

The treasury now consists of \$32.00. No expenses.

P. Louther
Treasurer

As a result of this interest Ferris Alger, John Darrah and Joe dePedroso volunteered as the Committee for a Newsletter. John is Chairman.

CLASSIC CAR CLUB OF AMERICA

APRIL - 1954

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

If you missed the first meet of the Philadelphia Region, the next one should be an eye-opener for you. As the big cars rolled majestically into the parking lot of the Springhouse Tavern, it was obvious that the meet would be a success. With three Rolls, half a dozen Packard Twelves, a Dusenbergs, Cadillac Sixteens, a 540-K Mercedes, two Lagondas plus many more of the finest classics, we all felt that the newest Region was also sure to be the best.

To make it the best, your officers intend to work hard to give you what you want. But you must tell us what you want first. You must come out with your car, you must tell others about our Club, and you must participate in the meetings. We want everyone to have a good time and the way is to have a big turn-out of Classics, with all the discussion of cars that is so valuable.

The details of the next meet follow. Why not tell a friend about it and urge him to accompany you with his car? If you have not joined the Classic

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Car Club, get an application card from Roy Little, Court House, Norristown, Pa., This is important because the Club is what makes us an organization with national prestige. Pay your dollar to Phil.Lowther and help keep these notices coming to you. Send us names for our list. We promise that you'll get a lot of fun from the activities of the Philadelphia Region.

MAY 15, 1954 - LAKESIDE INN 2 - 5 P.M.

Report of meeting at Spring house, Pennsylvania to organize Philadelphia Region of the Classic Car Club of America, April 3, 1954.

Jesse Nalle opened the meeting at 3 P.M. and stated the purposes of the meeting. The wonderful turn out for this meeting was gratifying.

Jesse stated that some degree of formal organization was necessary. As officers, four persons were suggested who had cooperated in making the arrangements for the meet. Each of the four were introduced and upon calling for additional nominations from the floor, their being none, it was moved, seconded and unanimously passed that the officers for the Philadelphia Region of the CCCA are:

Jesse Nalle, Regional Director
Gordon Biehn, Assistant Regional Director
Phil.Lowther, Treasurer
Roy Little, Secretary

An official meeting of the organized Region was discussed and it was adopted that Saturday, May 15, 1954, be selected as the first official meet of the Region. At that time a constitution would be offered to the membership.

Jesse opened the floor for comments. Numerous suggestions such as trading of technical information, letters to the Editor,

good garages, who offers tire discounts, etc., were discussed.

As a result of this interest Ferris Alger, John Darrah and Joe dePedroso volunteered as the Committee for a Newsletter. John is Chairman.

We were flattered to have Capt. and Mrs. Brewer attend the meeting and trust that they will attend all of the future meetings. Captain Brewer is Curator, Tom McKean Collection of Antique and Classic Automobile Literature. Also present was Bob Turnquist, member of the Board of Directors of the CCCA. Bob outlined the coming tours and meets:

1. - June, second or third week to Princeton museum at Devon, Mass.
2. - July 11th, Washington Crossing.
3. - August the Classic Tour to Detroit.

There being no further business various groups repaired to the cars or refreshments.

We want to thank Mr. George Burns, Spring House Hotel, for his cooperation in helping at the meet.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Roy Little, Secretary
Court House, Norristown, Pa.

ARE YOU PROUD OF YOUR CLASSIC CAR?

Certainly, but others would like to know more about its background and history. We would like to print a short resume of each member's car in future issues of our bulletin. Write us a letter and give us facts. We'll write them up in readable language and you'll be proud of the report and your car. Sit down and write a letter to: John Darrah, Terwood Road, Huntingdon Valley, Pa.

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IMPORTANT **NOTE**
FIRST OFFICIAL MEET

Date: May 15,1954 Time: 2 P.M. to 5 P.M.
Place: Lakeside Inn
Route 422 5 miles east of Pottstown.

**SAVE THE DATE! MULTI-CLUB VISIT TO THE
NICKETT COLLECTION**

**An Afternoon of Award-Winning Antique Cars and
Lunch at a Beautiful 32-acre Bucks County Estate**

Scott and November Nickett invite members of local chapters of the CLC, LCOC, AACA, CCCA, and Packard Clubs to tour their spectacular collection of national award-winning antique cars at their 32-acre home in Doylestown, Bucks County. The Stinson "collection" will also be on display. Lunch (sandwiches) and refreshments will be served.

Event includes tour of their collection in a new showroom garage, display of attendees' cars, lunch, and refreshments at a picturesque, 32-acre country estate, and club fellowship! Bring a lawn chair to enjoy the views!

Sunday, April 21, 2024, 11AM – 4PM

Rain Date: Sunday April 28th

3802 Burnt House Hill Rd., Doylestown, PA 18902

This is a great opportunity to drive YOUR pride and joy for everyone to enjoy. Attendees' cars will be displayed in a lovely setting near Scott's garage. Limited trailer parking is available. Due to the caliber of the collection, this is an adults-only event. Organized by the Valley Forge Region – Cadillac & LaSalle Club.

RSVP and Payment must be received by April 1st (no foolin'). Phone or email reservations will not be accepted. Questions? Call/email Michael Stinson: michael.c.stinson46@gmail.com 267-251-8588



*Cars from the
Nickett collection*



VISIT THE NICKETT COLLECTION: REGISTRATION FORM

Mail this form with check payable to VFR-CLC to John Wood, 327 Bellevue Avenue, Penndel, PA 19047-5310

No. Persons _____ **(adults only) @ \$20.00 each = Amount Enclosed:** _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Driving your Collector Car? (Y / N) _____ **Trailer a Car? (Y / N)** _____ Trailer parking info will be emailed separately.

Any mobility restrictions (stairs, uneven surfaces)? _____

Dietary Restrictions (vegetarian, gluten/sugar/salt-free): _____

RROC & MBCA WILLIAMSBURG, VA LUCKY CHARMS TOUR

Registration ends Wed, Feb 14, 11:59 PM EST

Date: Fri, Mar 15 - Sun, Mar 17, 2024

More info: www.motorsportreg.com/events/rroc-mbca-williamsburg-va-lucky-CHARMS-tour-colonial-virginia-greater-washington-469494

Location: Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia

About this event: We're excited to announce our invitation from our friends in the Rolls-Royce Owners' Club to join them in March on their "Lucky Charms Tour" of Williamsburg, VA!

Please RSVP to ERIC FEE with your contact information to confirm your participation. As detailed below, to reserve a seat at Friday night's group dinner, please respond before February 15, 2024. To reserve a room, please call the Comfort Suites directly before February 15, 2024. Confirmed participants will receive more detailed information from Eric Fee about all of this Tour's activities.

ITINERARY SNAPSHOT

Friday, March 15, 2024:

Afternoon check-in at Comfort Suites Williamsburg. 6:00 p.m. dinner at the Hampton Yacht Club (RSVP instructions below)

Saturday, March 16, 2024:

- 9:00 a.m. Depart the hotel to arrive at 10:30 a.m. to tour the Dwight Schaubach Motor Car Collection
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch (location TBD)
- 2:30 p.m. Additional car collection tour in Williamsburg (details TBA)
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner at the Golden Corral (across the hotel parking lot)

Sunday, March 17, 2024:

- 8:30 a.m. British Cars & Coffee at Topsy Beans Café
- 10:00 a.m. Tour of Yorktown Car Collection

DETAILED ITINERARY

HOTEL: Comfort Suites Williamsburg Historic Area
220 Bypass Road No. A
Williamsburg, VA 23185
(757) 634-3991
Reservations office direct line: 757-645-4646



Block of rooms at a Group Rate of \$203.60 per night including tax. The group rate identification name is **"Chesapeake Region of RROC."** Must reserve before February 15, 2024.

FRIDAY GROUP DINNER

SEE RSVP INSTRUCTIONS BELOW:

The "Magically Delicious" Dinner at the Hampton Yacht Club:

Hampton Yacht Club
4707 Victoria Blvd
Hampton, VA 23869
(571)722-0711
(31 miles / 32 minutes from Comfort Suites)

6:00 p.m. Meet & Mingle with appetizers & cash bar

6:30 p.m. Sit-down dinner. Entree Choices:

ROCKFISH or
CHICKEN BOURSIN or
FILET MIGNON or
VEGETARIAN

Dinner includes soup or salad, sides of parsley-butter red bliss potatoes and zucchini yellow squash medley, followed by a dessert of bread pudding or fruit cobbler with vanilla ice cream.

Coffee, water, and iced tea.

\$45 per person, including tax and gratuity

Cash Bar

RSVP INSTRUCTIONS: Please respond before February 15 by mailing your name, guest name(s), entrée selection(s), and payment as a check made payable to Eric Fee, and please include your motor car's make/model/year, too:

Eric Fee
464 W. Ocean View Ave.
Norfolk, VA 23503

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SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

9:00 a.m. - Depart Comfort Suites as a group to the Scotland Ferry (free) crossing the James River to Surry continuing to our final destination at Mr. Dwight Schaubach's motor car collection.

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Tour of the Schaubach Motor Car Collection

Schaubach Motor Car Collection
Johns Brothers Security Building
14214 Carrollton Blvd
Carrollton, VA 23314

1:00 p.m. Lunch (Location TBD)

2:30 p.m. Additional car collection tour in Williamsburg (details TBA)

6:30 p.m. Golden Corral Buffet & Grill (Private Room, Group Dinner)

Golden Corral
218 Bypass Rd
Williamsburg, VA 23185
757-229-3785
(50 yards from Comfort Suites - you can walk across the parking lot)
\$17.99 + tax/gratuity per person for dinner buffet

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

8:30 a.m. - DISPLAY OF BRITISH MARQUES & Coffee with RROC, Williamsburg British Car Club, Central Virginia British Car Club, and Tidewater MG Classics

Tipsy Beans Cafe
The Shops at High Street
1430 High Street
Williamsburg, VA 23185
(1 mile from Comfort Suites)
www.tipsybeanscafe.com

10:00 a.m. Tour of car collection in Yorktown, Virginia (details TBA)

NOTICE: "The Plan" is subject to change. Additions and deletions may occur. Your RSVP to Eric with an accurate email will keep you informed.

QUESTIONS? Please contact Eric Fee by phone or email.

Event requirements: Please RSVP to Eric Fee with your contact information to confirm your participation. To reserve a seat and pay for Friday's group dinner, respond to Eric by February 15, 2024.

Eric Fee, 464 W. Ocean View Ave., Norfolk, VA 23503
Phone: 757-876-5148
Email: efeecat30@yahoo.com

To reserve a room, call the Comfort Suites directly before February 15, 2024.

Comfort Suites Williamsburg Historic Area
220 Bypass Road No. A
Williamsburg, VA 23185
757-634-3991
Reservations office direct line: 757-645-4646

TECH TALK

by Robert Praetorius

When our classic cars were new, the roadways were made out of dirt, gravel, and cobblestone. They had high crowns in the middle from wagon wheel traffic and pot holes as big as bathtubs. Highway departments were in their infancy or non-existent at all. Our classic cars rarely went over 35 miles per hour because of these driving conditions.

Today our highways are made out of asphalt, concrete, and steel. Speed limits on our interstate highways are posted at 65 to 75 miles per hour, and the average vehicle speed is 80 miles per hour. Driving our cars at 50 mph on our interstate highways is creating a safety hazard and is putting you, your passengers, and your car at risk. Life is too short to knowingly put yourself or your family in harm's way.

The reason for this column will be to help our membership improve the safety, reliability and drivability of our classic cars. A car that performs well on our highways rewards and codifies the whole driving experience. Some of these improvements and upgrades may push the envelope for some of our purest members. However, drivability is everything on today's highways. If you don't feel comfortable driving your car, it then becomes a dust collector.

We have a lot of knowledgeable people within our membership and we're here to help and support the hobby. We welcome the members to write in or call about issues they're having if they want help.

We will also talk about improvements and upgrades that will improve the drivability of your car. Some these modifications include vacuum boosters, radial tires, ring and pinion ratio reduction gears. Most of the upgrades will be reversible if the next owner is a stickler for correctness. However, if your car is a better driver, it will only be more desirable to the next owner. If you think modifications for your car are not the way to go, just look at the auction prices that restomods bring today. Some are two and three times the value of a correct original car. There is a market for professional upgrades to make your car more drivable and safe.

So I hope the Tech Talk column is informative and brings value to the membership. Car reliability is the key ownership success and good times had by all involved.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE?

We welcome articles and photos from our members! Do you have an event you would like featured in an upcoming newsletter? Please send it to cawoodbury3@verizon.net.

SHARE WITH A FRIEND!

Do you know someone who loves classic cars? Do you have a friend who would like to become part of the DVRCCCA? Share this newsletter with them!



OCTORARA CREEK RIVER TOUR

by Jeff Hery

Gothic Aerie, 12 Wright St., Parkesburg will be the starting point for the May 18 Scenic Octorara Creek River Tour. The house was built by club member Jeffrey Hery and his father in 1990, and Jeff and friends built the matching carriage house last year. The tour will begin in Parkesburg at 10 am and go to the Colonial hamlet of Steelville, site of Revolutionary War Era forges. The village was named after General Steele, who served in the War of 1812. The site is a national scenic waterway and a Chester County park. There is an 1800s covered bridge on which members can have photographs taken of their cars. The tour will conclude with a luncheon on the terrace of Jeff's Gothic home overlooking the PA rail station featured in the movie "Witness."



Gothic Aerie home and garage, photos courtesy of Jeff Hery



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STUTZ BEARCAT SUPPORTS THE FLANDERS HOTEL CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

by Robert Praetorius

The Flanders Hotel in Ocean City NJ celebrated it's 100th anniversary on November 18, 2023. The owner's wife Arlene Voudouris requested Robert and Dale's 1933 Stutz Bearcat to be on the red carpet entrance to welcome the guests with greetings and photo opportunities.

The O.C. Pops orchestra was present with singers and entertainers performing through the evening. Food and open bar stations were spread out though the ball room floor and balcony. There were 500 guests dressed in period-correct attire. The women in the flapper dresses certainly gained my respect of a different era gone by. You can visit this event at theflandershotel.com.

The Flanders Hotel was opened in 1923 and had many prosperous decades serving the beach communities of South Jersey. It was compared to the Blenheim Hotel in Atlantic City.

However, in 1995 the building was in major disrepair and closed down. After several attempts to reopen it, it was actually scheduled for demolition. Peter and Arlene Voudouris took over the property in 2004 and invested several million dollars to restore the building and grounds to bring it back to its original art deco decor. They even kept the "Glamour Room" for the ladies to fix their hair and makeup separated from the restroom.

If you're ever in Ocean City, NJ, you should make a point to stop and stay at the Flanders Hotel. They have a new chef, and the food is outstanding if you just want to stay for dinner.

1. Stutz with Robert and Dale on the Red Carpet
2. Robert and Dale Welcoming the guests
3. Dale with Mr. Peanut
4. Robert and Dale enjoying the celebration

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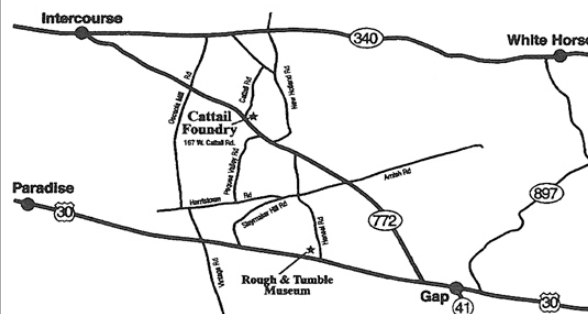


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