

REMINDER: UNPAID 2025 DUES NOW OVERDUE

All 2024 dues expired Dec. 31, 2024. **Our By-Laws require that we drop members who have not paid Region and AACA 2025 dues by Feb. 28.** Don't miss out on Region activities, newsletters, and the annual roster!

If you haven't yet done so, here's what to do:

(1) **Pay your AACA National dues.** You can return the form that was part of the mailer for your National AACA magazine, phone AACA with credit card info at (717) 534-1910, or renew online at <https://aaca.org>.

(2) **Pay your Region dues (\$20)** to Treasurer Bonnie Catlett. Make checks/money orders payable to: Shenandoah Region, AACA. Her address is 5601 Middle Road, Winchester, VA 22602 if you prefer to mail Region dues in.

We can verify your AACA 2025 membership online, so don't wait for your AACA card to arrive in order to pay your Region dues.

Please get around to it today.

If you have already paid 2025 dues, THANK YOU for your continued support of our Club and hobby !



Send articles, photos & ads to: shenandoahregion@gmail.com



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COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2025

Committee	Chair / Co-Chairs
Activities	Board of Directors
Apple Blossom Meet	Duane Catlett
Apple Blossom Parade	Jim Tillery
Club Merchandise	David Conrad
Corn Roast	Hosted by Queen City
Historian & Scrap Book	None
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Museum of the Shenandoah Valley Car Show	Dan Rowzie
Phone Tree	Jeff Smulovitz (VA area) Craig Comontofski (WV)
Poor Man's Tour	Jeff Smulovitz Tom Parker Paul Ruscito
Sunshine	David & Sharon Lewis
Technical	Mark Dinsmore
50/50	Duane Catlett

President Jeff Smulovitz has announced this year's club Chairs/Co-Chairs, listed above. Thank you to all these folks for stepping up to help make 2025 a success !

SAVE THE DATE ! MSV Show Chair Dan Rowzie announced that the date set by the Museum for this year's Car Show is **Saturday, July 19**. Plenty of time to get those rides shined up again after our Apple Blossom Car Show May 10. Stay tuned for more info in future newsletters and at the meetings.

Sunshine Report

Sunshine Chairs Dave & Sharon Lewis report sending:

- ♥ Get-well wishes to Jeff Feltner, who was diagnosed with COVID and pneumonia, to Melanie Feltner, who was hospitalized with COVID, to Jerry Lunt, who is in rehab with heart issues, and to Mike and Mary Jane Korrigan, who are recovering from COVID.
- ♥ We also heard that Bob Bearer has made a couple of trips to the hospital again with heart issues.
- ♥ Please remember Jeff & Melanie, Jerry, Mike & Mary Jane, and Bob and Nita in your thoughts and prayers for healing.
- ♥ As always, let's all keep in our thoughts and prayers those members who struggle daily with ongoing issues that keep them "in the shop" and not running on all cylinders.



FEBRUARY CAR of the MONTH



Jim Colville's 1968 Dart GTS
by Jim Colville

When Tom Parker first mentioned the possibility of a club calendar, it seemed few members submitted pictures of their cars for possible use in the calendar. Tom asked me, and I submitted several pics of my cars that could be considered in a pinch. One of those pictures was my '68 Dart GTS convertible. I really didn't expect it to make the cut as a calendar car. This Dart isn't a show car. It's not even a driver.

It was June of 2017 when a buddy ran across the ad for the car on Craigslist. The car was located in New Jersey, just across the river from where club member Van Armstrong had a 50's MG Magnette getting a new paint job near Philadelphia. On a visit to check on the MG, it wasn't difficult to convince Van to let me rent a U-haul trailer and take me along to look at the Dart.

The Dart's history was simple. One family owned the car up until about 2014. Sometime around 2005, it was decided

to restore the car, It was sent out to a Corvette specialty shop for the job.

Rusty quarters were cut off and replaced with new reproduction quarter panels. For some reason, rather than welding the quarters to the car at the bottom, they were attached with some kind of foam adhesive. New upholstery was installed on the seats. The top was torn and was scheduled to be replaced. That never happened. At some point, the car was moved outside where it sat for an unknown period of time with a torn and deteriorated top.



The result was predictable. Rusty floors throughout (but the frame rails are solid). The family sold the car to a family friend who had plans to restore the car but eventually decided to sell. He got the car running, but it was clear that it was ready for a rebuild.

That's when I became aware of the car. The '68 Dart GTS convertible is a fairly rare car. Just 315 GTS convertibles were made for the '68 model year. The standard engine was the new-for-'68 340 V8 and the optional engine was the 383 V8. There is no definitive breakdown between 340 vs 383 production just for the convertibles, but it's safe to assume that the 340 accounted for more than half of the 315 figure. This GTS is one of the 340 cars. It's also an automatic, as were all but 44 GTS convertibles that

year. As a GTS convertible goes, it was in fact a pretty basic car. On GTS hardtops, bucket seats were standard. On the convertible, the bench seat

was standard with buckets optional. This one has bench seats. Power steering, AM radio and heater rounds out the short option list. The GTS longitudinal stripes were standard. Bumble bee rump stripes were optional. This one has the longitudinal side stripes which are my personal preference for the '68 GTS.

So a rational person might ask, why even consider a car that needs so much work?. Okay, so several people, more rational than I, asked that question. There's not a good reason. Now a '68 GTS vert has always been on



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my top ten list of favorite muscle cars. And the potent little 340 has always been my favorite Mopar power plant. I never thought I would find a real '68 GTS 340 vert that I could afford 'til this one came along. As GTS verts go, this one was dirt cheap! But there was another factor that might have influenced me as well. IT WASN'T GREEN! I tend to dislike green, yet it is by far the most common color seen on '68 Darts and by far, the most common color seen on Mopar convertibles of that vintage. This one was QQ1 Bright Blue metallic (Plymouth called it Electric Blue). It was a one-year-only color, and one of my favorite Mopar colors. In '69, QQ1 was replaced with the similar, but lighter B-5 Bright Blue. So when people ask, "Why did you buy that piece of junk?", I respond with "Because it wasn't green".

And so, the Dart GTS followed me home. Once there, it went straight into the barn. We replaced the



gas tank and did the brakes. I bought reproduction floor pans, and reproduction quarter panels (just in case

the ones on the car can't be attached more securely without damage).

I also acquired a rare, used center grille divider that I will install if ever I restore this one. Only a small percentage of '68 GTS models left the factory with the grille piece that was intended to give all the '68 GTSS a unique appearance. But installation difficulties on the assembly line resulted in most GTSS leaving the factory without the grille divider. The piece is so rare that an NOS piece usually goes for around \$3500 to \$4000. Decent used ones typically go for half that price or more. Mine is pitted and has a section of an upper bar missing, but the missing section won't be noticeable from most angles with the hood closed.



I continue to collect the parts needed for restoration, but it hasn't left the barn since. I find that realistically, it will be quite some time before I get to this one. Someday someone will likely find it sitting on jack stands in my barn and declare it a "true barn find".

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stone, so if you have an idea or a connection to a possible place of interest along the way please let us know.

Our club will be represented by several members at the AACA National Convention in Charlotte, NC this year. One member will be there to accept a well-deserved award and maybe we can also bring home the Kirkham Award for Membership which is awarded based on the club's membership increase for 2024 compared to 2023.

Don't forget your sweethearts on Valentines Day. I meant for that to be plural – flowers, cards, and/or chocolates for our partners and maybe some new floor mats, an air filter, or a coat of wax for our other love!!! We have had several members fall ill recently, please keep them in your thoughts and Prayers and we hope they all recover soon.

Thank You everyone for all you contribute to the club. I will be at the AACA Convention during the February meeting and Kevin has promised to do a good job in my place. - Jeff



happy Valentine's day



REMEMBER WHEN ?

This was the 2005 Apple Blossom Meet dash plaque, with Allen Bond's 1968 Mack fire truck. Hard to believe it will soon be 20 years since our 47th Apple Blossom show !



MEMBER NEWS



[Editor: here are members' submissions received since Dec. 19]

[Editor: now that we are in the cold days of Winter, here are more photos of sunnier times to warm us up.]

IN THE NEWS:

In perusing the latest (Jan/Feb) issue of the AACA magazine, Antique Automobile, we noticed something familiar in the article on the 78th Revival AAA Glidden Tour. The Tour took place Sept. 22-27 and was hosted by Sugarloaf Mountain Region. There were 254 tourists, quite an undertaking to plan and manage. On page 82 of the story is a half-page photo of our own Dave Coco driving his beautiful 1931 Pierce-Arrow on the Tour. John Black had reported at our Nov. membership meeting that he attended the Glidden Tour in his 1936 Chrysler, and that Chip and Nancy Rohr were there in their 1935 Buick. Mike Witt was in an open touring car without a top, so the car was often in its trailer, due to the frequent rainy days on the Tour. Also on page 82 of the magazine article is Queen City Region Prez Kyle Blake's 1930 Model A Ford. Kyle was the leader and organizer of this year's Poor Man's Tour in Oct.

FROM KENNY ALLEN:

Kenny thought some of us could relate to this photo. If you zoom in, you can see all the \$\$\$ bills surrounding the center....

FROM JIM COLVILLE:

BERRYVILLE CRUISE-IN AUG 24

One of my favorite local shows is the downtown Berryville show. This year the show was on Saturday August 24th and it was a beautiful day for the show.



The Hudson-Essex-Terraplane Club also seems to like the August show, as they have been scheduling their annual show to coincide with the Berryville show. As a result, there's always a good showing of Hudsons including the two Hudsons shown here.

The blue and white '69 or '70 Chevy C-10 pickup drew many admirers.

Next, a red '50 Buick, a red '72 Javelin, and a Subaru Brat. Last on this page, a 1961 Corvette.



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BERRYVILLE CRUISE-IN, CONT'D:

and CT's (of Tripp's Auto Sales) '61 Ford Starliner. Van Armstrong brought his '66 Sunbeam Tiger.



Above: Eric Kirk brought his 1941 Studebaker and Paul Ruscito brought his red '68 Charger. Kenny Harper had his '59 Ford retractable all opened up in the sun.



Next, a '68 Cougar , a '73-'74 Nova, a '60s-era VW bus and a '65 Thunderbird convertible. Below, a wide variety in this street scene.



Above, a '51-'52 Ford pickup, a '73 Olds Cutlass, a '67 Mustang fastback,

A Ford Model T wooden-body wagon.

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**FROM JIM COLVILLE:
CHRYSLERS AT CARLISLE**

The July annual Carlisle Chryslers Nationals originated in 1991 and gets bigger each year. For Mopar fans it's the biggest on the planet. I haven't heard any official numbers, but every indication is that there were probably more show cars than last year's record of 3156 cars. In the three days of the event, I took well over 1500 photos. Here are a few:



Next, a '57 Dodge Coronet convertible, a '61 Fury coupe in the car corral, and a '58 DeSoto Adventurer convertible. Dodge trucks and vans have always been popular, so classic Dodge trucks are always well represented at the Carlisle Chrysler Nationals.



First a '57 Dodge 2 door wagon. A sampling of early cars were also on display, including this blue Plymouth out of the 1930s. The Virgil Exner era of finned "Forward Look" Mopars is always well represented. Letter series 300's were the next largest representation of finned cars, like this '61 300G.



It was rare to see a big Fury in a high impact color, but this '71 Fury was painted Curious Yellow/ Citron Yellow. A separate building was full of and surrounded by '69 1/2 lift off hood 440 six pack Road Runners and Super Bees. This Butterscotch/ Bahama Yellow car is a Super Bee.



I liked the orange '71 Dodge Adventurer pickup. Next, a big Dodge C800 from the early '70s, and a Dodge pickup from the mid-1950s. Inside building T was a special display of "High Impact" color cars.

My personal favorite B bodies are the '66-'67 Coronets and Plymouth B bodies. Just one of the many B bodies

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CHRYSLERS CARLISLE, CONT'D



was this '67 CTX convertible in red.

Among the B body '68-'70 Coronets was a blue '70 RT and a '68 Super Bee.

Late '70s and early 1980s Volares, Aspens, Diplomats, Miradas and others, sharing the same platform, were also out in force, being among the last rear wheel drive cars Chrysler would make for many years before rear wheel drive made a comeback.

Some '68-'70 B body Plymouths included a '68 Sport Satellite convertible, a blue '68 GTX, and bronze '69 Road Runner convertible.



No Mopar show is complete without winged cars, and there were several on display, like this yellow Daytona *[which was also pictured in a previous newsletter].*



The big C bodies were out in substantial numbers as well, like this '68 Imperial, '71 Chrysler New Yorker, and '71 Dodge Polara. Only 6 months to wait until Chryslers at Carlisle 2025 !!



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Early Bird Pricing – Before Wednesday, February 19, 2025

- Indoor flea market space approximately 100 sq. ft. – \$50 ea.
- Outdoor space of approximately 200 sq. ft. – \$60 ea.
- Some single day spaces available – Inquire
- Outdoor Vendor Area In Outdoor Arena
- Car corral space – \$25 Per Vehicle | Per Day

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FOR SALE: Devilbis 80 Gal. two stage air compressor. \$800; Abrasive blast cabinet \$100; VW dealers engine lift porter \$200 . Call Chet Allen (229) 977-1501 after 5:00 pm

FOR SALE: AMC/Rambler 198 c.i. Inline six cylinder block. Brand new in orig. labeled wooden crate and packaging. Never used. Stored inside temp controlled garage. Add'l info, photos, & pricing/shipping details, contact Mark Dinsmore, markshotrodgarage@gmail.com.

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car 40+ years. Call or text Joyce, 540-336-1020

FOR SALE: 1959 Studebaker Lark VIII, Tahiti Coral, brown interior, V-8 259 cid. Original, immaculate survivor, matching numbers, runs, no rust. Radio, heater, auto-trans. New hoses, new radiator, newish tires. Chassis underneath as clean as the top. Bought new in Martinsburg, WV, family is 2nd owner, always parked in climate-controlled garage. \$16,000. Call or text Dina (304) 261-5396

FOR SALE: 1978 BMW R100/7 motorcycle 32K original miles. Asking \$4500. Karl Ettinger 540-877-8808 or 304-267-4162

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- At 0.3 miles, turn right at the Church rear driveway (Trinity Lane) and uphill into the parking lot. There is a sign at the driveway entrance.

Fellowship Hall entry is at the bottom level, rear of the Church, off the parking lot. No stairs to climb.

Among the many curiosities of the 70's was our persistent need to fool people into believing that our vehicles were at least partly made of wood.



From Facebook - 'Car Memes & Jokes' Page

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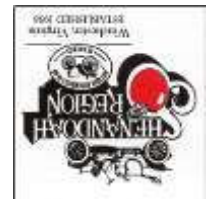
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