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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

It's hard to believe that January is already behind us and February is upon us. It seems like we were just at our Christmas Party and Installation Dinner 2 weeks ago. I must be starting to get old if the vintage saying that "the older you get the faster time goes by" has any merit. Has everyone paid their National and Regional dues? Secretary Linda has to drop those that haven't paid them by Feb. 28th and we certainly don't want anyone to not be on the roster for this year.

Once again I want to say THANK YOU to all the Committee Chairpersons for volunteering to continue to chair their respective committees this year. Their time and efforts are priceless (maybe that's why they don't get paid!) and are very instrumental in how smoothly our events are carried out each year. Please check with them to see how you can be of help to make each event a success.



FEB. CALENDAR CAR OF THE MONTH:
Dickie & Sally Wolfe's 1968 Dodge (see page 3)

At these galactic speeds it's not too soon to be thinking about the upcoming show season. It's still a little cool to be out in the garage all day, but I have been trying to get some garage time in most days. As simple as the REO is, there is still plenty to tinker on. I hope the supplier holds true to their delivery of the new drive chain in MAY. They didn't say May of 2026, maybe I ought to check back with them on the year! I am sure we are all looking forward to getting our cars out of winter storage and back on the road and to the shows. Tom Parker is again putting together a listing of this year's shows and cruise-ins for the surrounding areas. He reported the first edition should be ready to be included in the March newsletter. If you know of an upcoming event let Tom know so he can add it to the list. THANK YOU Tom for continuing to compile this listing of events.

The National AACA Convention is knocking on our front door. Several of our members have indicated that they would be attending. The list of seminars has been published and there is quite a variety of topics to choose from. I am looking forward to attending as our Region's representative, and presenting our donation to the Library fund. Saturday

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**Feb. 5, 2026
7:00 pm
Membership Meeting**

Fellowship Hall
Round Hill Church
2993 Northwestern Pike, Winchester, VA 22603
(see directions, next-to-last page of newsletter)

Meeting Host: Greg Miller
Light Refreshments will be served



HAPPY FEB. BIRTHDAYS !

02	Cindy Anderson	18	John (J.C.) Black
04	Jim Lemen	18	Ruth Newman
04	Nancy Rohr	19	Dan Rowzie
14	Allen Bond	23	Gerry Smith
		28	Kenny Allen



IN SYMPATHY: Shenandoah Region extends its deepest sympathy to Bill and Cindy Anderson and family in the loss of Bill's brother, Karl Anderson, on Dec. 3. Karl, like his late father, Region member Karl Anderson, was a pilot. His wife, and his daughter Heather shared that Karl "filed his final flight plan and went west — wheels up, smooth skies, and absolutely on his own terms. He took off peacefully, exactly the way he wanted... in his own bed, surrounded by the people he loved most. He was a true explorer who touched down on every continent except Antarctica, a pilot, a storyteller, and a Vietnam Brown Water Navy veteran who served his country with pride and grit." Memorial services will be announced at a later date.



IN SYMPATHY: Shenandoah Region extends its deepest sympathy to Judi Hall and family in the Dec. 24 loss of Judi's brother, Larry Edgell, 79, of New Martinsville, WV, after a long illness. Larry was a US Navy veteran who served in Vietnam, an elementary school teacher for 30 years, a high school and community college golf coach, and WV State Senator 1998-2014. In the WV Senate, he was Majority Whip and served as President Pro Tempore in 2013. Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Cecilia Edgell of New Martinsville, WV; daughter Eva (Damon) Wilde of Crestwood, KY; son Joshua (Lisa) Edgell of Cary, NC; seven grandchildren; brothers Gary Edgell of Hurricane, WV and Wally Edgell of Sebring, FL; sister Judi Hall of Hurricane, WV; and several nieces and nephews. Services were Jan. 17 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, New Martinsville, WV.



IN SYMPATHY: Shenandoah Region extends its deepest sympathy to Jim and Tami Tillery and family in the loss of Jim's brother, Doug Tillery, 83, on Jan. 11. Doug was a resident of Pensacola, FL. Services will be held at a future date. The family requests prayers of sympathy at this difficult time.

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

REMINDER: HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2026 DUES ?

To the 60% of the Club who have already paid your 2026 dues, THANK YOU for your support of our Club.

To the 40% who have not yet paid Region and/or AACA 2026 dues, your 2025 dues expired Dec. 31. Don't miss out on Region activities, newsletters, and the annual roster! Here's what to do:

(1) Pay your AACA National dues. You can phone AACA with credit card info at (717) 534-1910, or renew online at <https://aaca.org>. You must be a member of AACA to belong to the Region.

(2) Pay your Region dues (\$20) to Treasurer Bonnie Catlett. Make checks payable to: Shenandoah Region, AACA. Bonnie's address is 5601 Middle Road, Winchester, VA 22602 if you prefer to mail dues in. We can verify your AACA membership online.



Please get around to it today !
Thanks !

**MAR News Deadline
NOON FEB 23**

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Sunshine Report

Sunshine Chairs Dave & Sharon Lewis report sending:

- ♥ Sympathy cards to Bill & Cindy Anderson in the loss of Bill's brother, Karl Anderson, to Judi Hall in the loss of her brother, Larry Edgell, and to Jim & Tami Tillery in the loss of Jim's brother, Doug Tillery. See "In Sympathy" above.
- ♥ Please remember Bill and Cindy, Judi, and Jim and Tami and their families 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.



FEB. CAR of the MONTH:



**Dickie & Sally Wolfe's
1968 Dodge Charger
by Dickie Wolfe**

I first found out about this 1968 Dodge Charger when Dan Rowzie first contacted me July 2017 to get my Appraisal on the car for the original owner who had passed away 10 years earlier. His wife had a buyer. When I arrived I was shocked as to the makeshift "Shed Find". But this buyer was purchasing this car to part it out. She told me the offer and I immediately said it was a fair price. I left with no intentions of buying the car but the more I thought about it, I quickly realized this was a diamond in the rough and worth saving.

The owner had removed the interior and stored it in his enclosed garage. Mice had done a number on it but it was all there and original. We found all the parts in the garage that had been removed as the owner had started the project to refresh the car with new parts, seats, carpet when he became ill and moved the car out of the garage to make room for his wife's car. I then talked her into

calling the buyer with a \$500 raise in price and he admitted he was going to bring cash and low ball her then. He said to sell the car to the appraiser as he was a Mopar restoration guru and it was worth saving.

She was so relieved to know her husband's pride and joy would be saved. We had a rollback come, pumped up



the tires and rolled it on. It took several trips to gather all the parts. Only thing we couldn't find was the original jack as she thought he used it in another car that was long gone.

Restoration began immediately with total disassembly and I headed to Carlisle the next year with a list of parts needed to begin the hunt for NOS and original parts. Sadly the new interior that the owner had already purchased was also stained and chewed. Being I already owned other red cars, I decided to paint it black in honor of the original owner's nickname "Blackie" and a tribute to the "Bullit" Charger.



But when I said I was also changing the interior to black, Sally stepped in and said no when she saw the Pearl white interior displayed at Legendary, offered one year only. Then offered to pay for

the interior if I agreed. With that being said she paid for all the interior as she had agreed. Carpet, steering wheel restoration, instrument cluster restoration, etc. Only fair, right?!? Sally does have vested interest besides being my helper.

- The 1968 Dodge Charger's first year for this sleek fast back body, called the "Coke Bottle Profile". Available as a 6 CYL daily driver thru Hemi. A car that all could enjoy. Sold 96,100
- This body became Charger 500 and Daytona winged car for NASCAR Racing. The '68 film "Bullit" popularized the Dodge Charger with one of the most famous car chases ever filmed. Bill Hickman, the Assassin, drove the '68 Charger and Steve McQueen, the Detective, in the '68 Mustang GT.
- Built on May 6, 1968 and sold May 24, 1968 at Clendenning Motors in Charles Town, WV. The car sold for \$3,895.95. Titled 5-28-68. Sold 15 miles from us by a salesman I later hired to sell cars when his dealership closed.
- The original owner used the car during college and during his time in the military, married in it and brought home his new born children. Then only joy rode on nice days, but the car had sat outside. All original and no accidents.

This car has been shown numerous times including AACA Grand National Senior at Virginia Beach, 2019 Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance Palmetto award, Greenbrier Concours d'Elegance, Chryslers at Carlisle first place and local shows including Shenandoah Region AACA Apple Blossom show and the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley car show.



MEMBER NEWS



[Editor: here are members' submissions received since Dec 23]

FROM JIM COLVILLE:

HOPPERS TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday Oct. 19th was the 19th Annual Fall Halloween Auto Show put on by the Hoppers Car Club at Newtown Commons park in Stephens City. The morning started with a slight chill in the air, but the sun warmed up quickly and made for a beautiful comfortably warm day with a light wind to keep things comfortable.

Van Armstrong met me at my place in Berryville, and I followed his Sunbeam Tiger to the show in my '67 Plymouth wagon. I guess my only gripe about the show was that the wind was blowing the leaves off the trees but it seemed that few made it to the ground. The leaves blew into the open windows, hoods and trunks of all the show cars and somehow seemed to be most attracted to the fresh air cowl vents. But that was a minor complaint. In truth, I hadn't planned on staying as long as I did, but it was just too perfect day to rush out of there too early.

As local shows go, this one is actually pretty good at attracting cars. The field was filled with eighty or more stock and modified cars.

But the first one to draw my attention was the survivor '47 Plymouth Club Coupe that is always a welcome sight at the local shows.



A subtle modification from stock was the blacked-out grille treatment on the '76 Olds Cutlass Supreme. The red '65 Mustang GT fastback really stood out with matching red interior and red line tires. The white '65 Stingray was one of two '65 Stingrays in the show. Two nice ones from GM were the '67 Firebird and a '72 4-4-2 convertible.



From 1953, a Hudson Hornet, and from '63 a Falcon convertible and a Chevy Suburban.



The day before this show, I was at the antique car show in Rockville, where there were many first-generation T-birds. At the Stephens City show, there was just one '56 T-bird.

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MEMBER NEWS: [from page 4]

HOPPERS TRICK/TRUNK, CON'T



The turquoise and white two-tone is arguably the best look for a mid-'60s Ford pickup like this '66. Next, a red '63 Impala.



A '65 GTO. The '62 Galaxie is a regular at shows in our area. The Trans Am seems to sit higher than stock on its suspension. Though it would have no trouble clearing speed bumps, I do wonder if handling is adversely affected.



A couple of the older ones in stock form, at the Trunk or Treat show, were the '48 Chevy and the Model A Ford.



The '68 Mustang owner was taking advantage of one of the last good top-down weather days of the season. The '69 Cougar sported 1970 Eliminator



side stripes. The red '62 Fury convertible is a regular at this show.



The '69 El Camino is one I hadn't seen before.



From any distance the 1955 Packard Patrician appears black. But up close it's a very dark black cherry color.



The International pickup is another one that shows up at this show every year.

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PRESIDENT: *[from page 1]*

again this year. Last year's ceremony was when Tom Wisener won the National Military Vehicle Award. I am looking forward to see who comes home with what award this year.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the many members who are not feeling well or have been injured or had injuries repaired and are in the healing process. As many have said before, "why are these called The Golden Years"!

THANK YOU to everyone for your help and contributions to our club. It takes all of us participating to keep this organization going as strong as it is.

MEMBER NEWS: *[from page 5]***HOPPERS TRICK/TRUNK, CON'T**

The blue '71 Olds 4-4-2 was in the spectator lot.



Two from the late '70s were Mike & Connie Herbert's Ford Granada and the Chrysler Cordoba 300. Both deco-

night's awards ceremony will be very interesting

Please remember to stop by the advertisers in our newsletter and Thank them for helping our club with their ad. Who knows, they might even have something you can get your Loved One(s) for Valentines Day. A gift card to eat out or an air and oil filter for the other love of your life!

Since I'll be at the National Convention I won't be at the Feb. membership meeting. Vice-President Kevin will be your faithful leader that evening. Thank You Kevin. See you all in March if not somewhere before.

- Jeff

WEAR YOUR NAME TAG !



rated for the Halloween holiday
[Editor:and both are named after towns in Spain !]



. Van Armstrong brought out the Tiger with the top down.

I recommend this show as it's not only one of the last local car shows of the season, but also because it usually is also one of the last really nice days just to be outside. Certainly, it's one of the last days that's warm enough for convertible owners to drive with the top down.

**FROM JIM COLVILLE:
RACERS' CLUB SANTA RUN**

Saturday, November 8th. Car shows should be over for the year by now. But that's certainly not the case this year. It was a beautiful sunny day with temperatures in the mid 60's.

As it happens, on this day, there were two different car shows I was considering. A few friends were going to the downtown car show in Remington, VA (near Warrenton). But I chose the closer option. The 540 Winchester Racers Club hosted their Santa Run car show at the T.G.I. Fridays in Winchester, so I stopped by for a quick look. It was a nice little show with about forty cars. Most of the cars in the show were familiar as they show up at many car shows in the region.



Some, like the blue '70 Road Runner, I know I've seen before, but thought it's been a while. Ed Boyer, a Mopar guy I've known for decades, brought his original paint survivor Spring Green Metallic '69 1/2 440 six pack Super Bee. Tommy Compher brought his blue '69 Camaro.



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MEMBER NEWS: [from page 6]**RACERS' SANTA RUN CONT'D:**

The bullet nose Studebaker wasn't quite "stock", but it was an interesting car I don't recall seeing in the past.



Next up, a red '73 Duster and a blue '70 GTO Judge.



The blue '66 Coronet, and the black '59 Pontiac convertible, often show up together on the east side of the mountain over in Loudoun County. The midnight blue '64 Impala was another one I don't recall seeing before.



I don't know GM colors, but I don't think that was a factory orange color on the Camaro RS. I last saw the blue '71 Charger at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley show. There were several '57 Chevys in the show.



The '59 Ford retractable hardtop shows up at most Winchester area shows. I last saw the '55 Bel Air at the Trunk or Treat Hoppers Car Club show in Stephens City last month.



There were plenty of trucks in the show, including the Willys Jeep pickup, and the red '60 Ford flat bed.



It's not a bad show and it is convenient to the Mission BBQ next door, so perhaps I'll pay the \$10 and enter a car next year. That is, if the weather is as nice as it was for this year's show.

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MEMBER NEWS: [from page 6]**FROM JIM COLVILLE:****MORE FROM HERSHLEY 2025**

[Editor: for your viewing pleasure, more eye candy from the AACA Fall Meet in Hershey, Oct. 2025]

Seen on the show field at Hershey 2025 in no particular order. First, the bright green AMX drew quite a few admirers. The ramp side Corvair pickup drew curious looks as these unusual side load pickups are seldom seen.



Next up a 1942 Buick wagon and a couple of Corvettes.



One of the prettiest '50s cars at the show was the blue '57 Chrysler New Yorker convertible. The owner of the yellow Opel GT was demonstrating the flip-open headlights so it was just by chance that I caught a picture of them closed.



One of the prettiest of the 1941 cars was this Buick convertible.



There were several of the first-generation Thunderbirds in the show including the light blue '55.



The first of the downsized Elwood Engel-designed Continentals was the '61 model year like the red convertible shown here displaying the rear suicide doors. There were two of the rare little Playboys in the show including the little green car shown here



From the class of 1972, an orange Olds Cutlass.



[More Hershey in Future Issues. Jim submitted many more delights to view. THANKS, JIM !!]



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**MARCH NEWS DEADLINE:
NOON FEBRUARY 23**

Driving Directions to Round Hill Church

2993 Northwestern Pike,
Winchester, VA 22603

Starting just west of Winchester Medical Center, from the intersection of Route 37 and Route 50:

- Drive west on Route 50 (Northwestern Pike) for approximately 2 miles.
- Shortly after crossing Nat'l Lutheran Boulevard, turn left on Route 654 (Poorhouse Road). There is a used car lot on the left as a landmark.
- At 0.2 miles, turn right onto Route 803 (Round Hill Road). Winchester Independent School across the road is a landmark at this intersection.
- 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.

If you miss the Church rear driveway:

- Continue on Route 803 until it curves uphill and meets Route 50.
- Turn right onto Route 50, driving east.
- At 0.5 miles, turn right directly into the front driveway of the Church.

Proceed left around the building to the rear parking lot.



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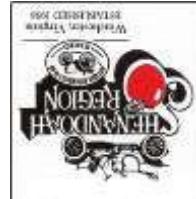


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