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Seventy-Ninth Annual A.A.C.A. Meeting And Awards Banquet In Philadelphia, Will Long Be Remembered

By Bill Wurzell, Editor

They call it a 'meeting'. *Extravaganza* might be more descriptive. The 79th annual meeting of Antique Automobile Club of America got underway on Thursday February 12 in Philadelphia. The host hotel Shearton Downtown was the scene for the impressive gathering of national and region officers and members from all over the United States and its possessions.

This really is a huge affair that requires a lot of planning and execution by the A.A.C.A. There are so many facets and they all seemed to come off flawlessly.

Seminars to attend...

A wide ranging number of seminars were available for officers and members to aid in the operation of their respective regions. Chesapeake Region Activities Director, Tom Kenney gave a seminar entitled 'Design an Old Car Tour.' I was unable to attend Tom's seminar because I was already signed up for 'The First Gentlemen's breakfast that began at nearly the same time. The breakfast is so named because of the tradition of the spouse of the National President acting as host for the breakfast. For the 2015 breakfast this duty fell to Don Bohne, husband of the 2014 National President, Maureen 'Mickey' Bohne. Mr. Bohne is a very pleasant gentlemen who welcomed each attendee with a handshake.

Those attending from Chesapeake Region were Paula and Gary Ruby and Anne Kenney. The breakfast was pleasant and enabled people from different regions to visit with each other at the large round breakfast tables. The question, 'What kind of car do you have?' was heard many times over at all the various functions.

The highlight of the entire weekend was the National Awards Banquet held in the massive Liberty Ballroom in the posh Shearton Downtown Hotel. Prior to the



Harold 'Buzz' Diehl, is presented 'The Master Webmaster' award for his professional construction and administration of Chesapeake Region's website (www.chesapeakeaaca.org/) The award is presented by 2014 National A.A.C.A. President, 'Micky' Bohne, during festivities Saturday evening, February 14 at the annual banquet in Philadelphia. The award Buzz received is the highest award the organization bestows for regional websites. (Barbara Diehl photo)

banquet, there was a reception adjacent to the ballroom. There were a half dozen 'cash' bars serving any beverage, from water to whatever cocktail you could imagine. Many people sipped on wine or beer.

Bill-Of-Fare...

The banquet dinner entree was, petite filet mignon topped with lump crabmeat,

and bearnaise sauce, boursin stuffed red bliss potato, fresh asparagus with baby carrot. The dinner was the *BEST* banquet meal I ever had! The filet was delicious and you could cut it with a fork. Of course, at \$55 a pop, I wasn't expecting PB&J.

Seated at our table were Madame Presi
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CHESAPEAKE REGION ANTIQUE AUTO PARTS FLEA MARKET Saturday March 14, 2015 at Howard County Fairgrounds

We need help with all areas of the flea market. On Friday March 13, we need to layout the spaces for vendors to display their wares. Also, layout parking areas for handicapped spaces and regular parking. Tom Young needs help with Car Corral vehicle placement and layout of inside spaces and barns. If you can help, please report to the fairgrounds at 10 am, Friday March 13. Vicky Wilmer needs people to help with food service, kitchen and dining room duties. Monetary gifts greatly appreciated along with donations of soups, cookies, cakes and brownies. Please be part of a *SUCCESSFUL* flea market.

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dent Paula Ruby and husband Gary, Buzz and Barbara Diehl, yours truly, Earl D. Beauchamp, Jr. and wife. Earl is also a past National President. He inquired about many friends from Chesapeake Region including Paul and Ginny Habicht and Francis and Margaret Werneth. We informed Earl, Francis just celebrated his 80th birthday in January.

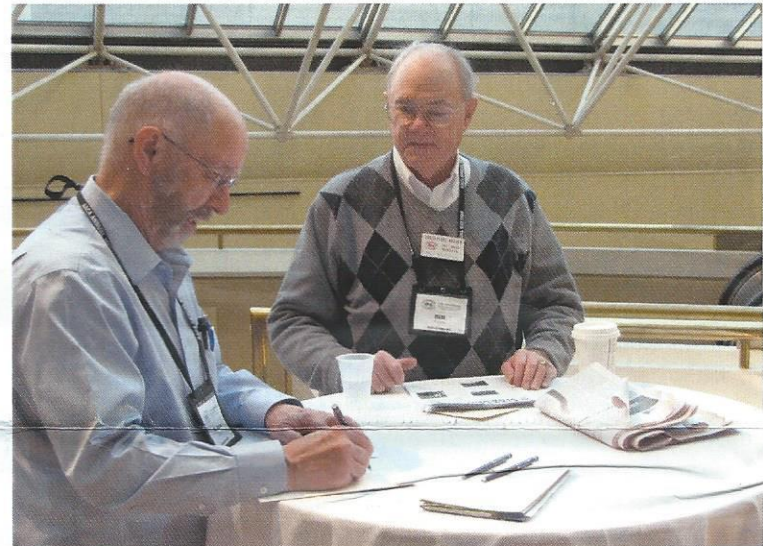
The real excitement for our table was when they announced the winners of "The Master Webmaster" award and called out "Mr. Harold Diehl, of Chesapeake Region." I was hoping Buzz would win for the club website. Goodness gracious it is always chock full of information and is so user friendly. It provides a warm welcome to visitors and an informative resource for our membership. Thanks to Buzz's dedication, the Chesapeake Region website is among the best in the business and a major credit to our organization. Please be sure to offer congratulations to Buzz, next time you see him.



Franklin Gage checks out a vendor at the A.A.C.A. Trade Show



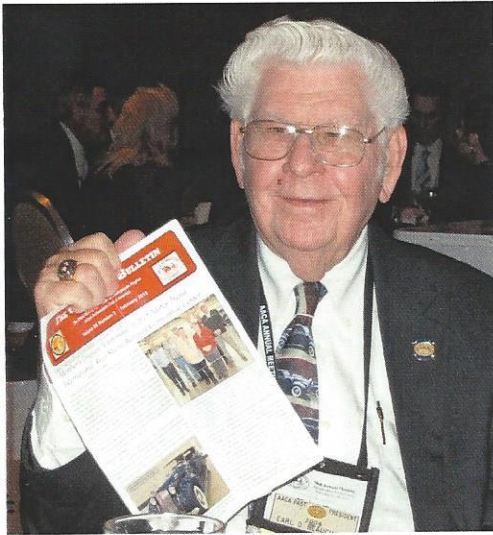
Cocktail reception prior to the dinner meeting and awards banquet



Activities Director Tom Kenney writes while, Bill Wurzell looks on.



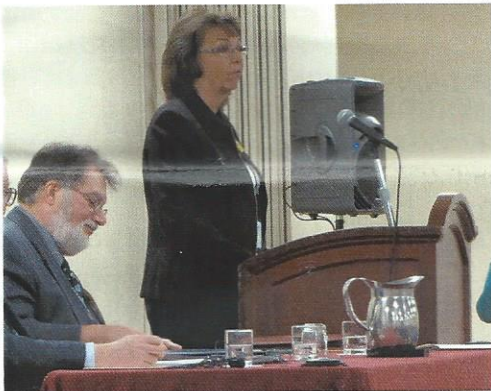
Saturday evening Dinner and Awards Banquet, where Buzz Diehl was presented with the Master Webmaster award



Former Chesapeake Region member, past president and past National President, Earl Beauchamp and wife were seated at our table. Earl inquired about several members of Chesapeake Region. He and his wife looked through the February edition of the Bulletin, Earl noticed a picture of Gary Wilmer presenting an award to Ed Allen. Earl said "I remember Gary, he was just a kid when he joined the club."



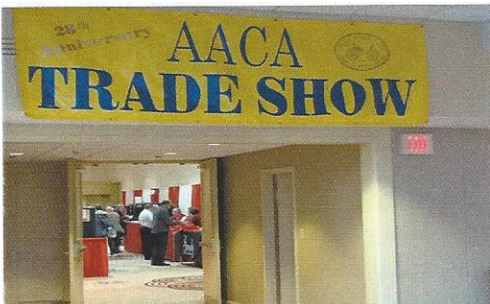
Paula addresses The President's Meeting, Friday February 13, 2015



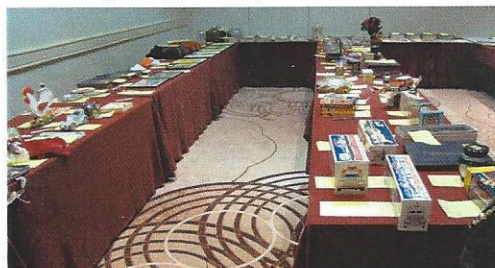
National 2014 President Micky Bohne speaking at President's meeting on Friday. The gentleman seated to her right is 2015 National President, Donald Barlup.



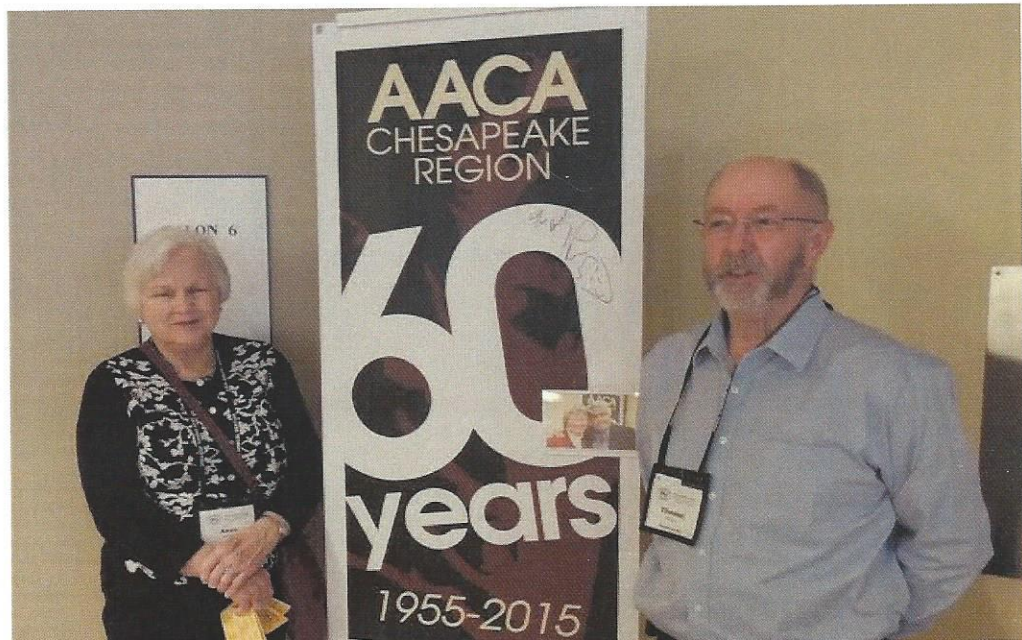
Barbara Diehl, Harold Diehl, President Paula Ruby, Bill Wurzell, Gary Ruby



Everything from key chains to cars!



The silent auction, interesting stuff



Anne and Tom Kenney after Tom's well attended seminar