



# Chesapeake Communiqué

The official newsletter of the ALPCA Chesapeake Region  
Serving ALPCA members in Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, the District of Columbia, and beyond

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## Chesapeake Region returns to Mount Airy, Md. on August 11

The third annual Chesapeake Region Summer Plate Meet will be held on Saturday, August 11, 2012 in the gymnasium at the rear of St. Michael's Catholic Church of Poplar Springs, 1125 St. Michael's Road, Mount Airy, MD 21771, from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm. This is the same location as our very successful Summer 2010 and Summer 2011 meets. Both years, we had 54 plate collectors in attendance at this event.

This meet's theme is **License Plates of the District of Columbia**. Awards will be presented for the best Washington D.C. plate display, best general plate display, and longest distance traveled.

About 50 8-foot tables will be available for \$10 each. Admission is \$5 for collectors not renting tables, with free admission for non-collector guests of ALPCA members.

We'll hold a donation auction once again, of course. Last year, we had a very successful auction, but we still need your generous plate donations, and bids on these plates, to get our treasury on solid footing. We'll also gladly accept cash donations, if anyone is so inclined.

Refreshments and **lunch will be available** at nominal cost, so plan to stay for the whole meet.

For more details, see the *For more information* box below.

### Directions to meet

Mount Airy is between Baltimore and Frederick, along I-70. Get detailed directions and maps online at [www.alpca-chesapeake.org](http://www.alpca-chesapeake.org).

**From Baltimore:** From I-695 (Baltimore Beltway) take exit 16, I-70 west toward Frederick. Take I-70 exit 73, Md. Route 94, and turn left at the end of the ramp onto Md. Route 94 south toward Lisbon. Go 0.4 miles to the traffic circle, and turn right onto Md. Route 144 west. On Route 144, go 1.7 miles, then turn left onto St. Michael's Road. St. Michael's Catholic Church is 0.4 miles on your left.

**From Frederick, Md.:** Get on I-70 east toward Baltimore. Take I-70 exit 68, Md. Route 27, and turn right at the bottom of the ramp onto Md. Route 27 south toward Damascus. Then take the first left onto Md. Route 144 east and go 3.9 miles. Then turn right onto St. Michael's Road. St. Michael's Catholic Church is 0.4 miles on your left.

**From Washington, D.C.:** From I-495 (Capital Beltway), take either exit 35 or 38 onto I-270 north toward Frederick. At I-270 exit 16, take Md. Route 27 north toward Damascus. Follow Route 27 north roughly five miles past Damascus. Just before the I-70 interchange and Mount Airy, turn right onto Md. Route 144 east and go 3.9 miles. Then turn right onto St. Michael's Road. St. Michael's Catholic Church is 0.4 miles on your left. ■

## Region bylaws and elections coming

The reactivated ALPCA Chesapeake Region held its first meet in August 2010, at which officers were elected from among the membership. Since then, we've been operating without bylaws and have not held subsequent elections.

Draft bylaws were recently submitted to the officers for their consideration. The officers will collectively decide what changes, if any, need to be made to these draft bylaws, give their approval to the final version, and then make the proposed bylaws available to the membership for review and consideration. The membership will then vote on whether to approve or reject these proposed bylaws.

Once we have approved bylaws in place, the next order of business will be to hold elections for regional officers and/or directors in accordance with the bylaws. There's no timeline in place yet for either the bylaws vote or the elections, but both of these are expected to happen by the next regional meet. ■

## Volunteers always needed

Want to host a plate meet in your town? Are you handy with a camera or good at writing? Willing to sort auction plates or push a broom? Step up and contribute your time and talent to make the Chesapeake Region better! For more info about how you can help, see the *For more information* box, below. ■

## Newsletter to go (nearly) all-digital

*Chesapeake Communiqué* newsletters have been sent via both e-mail and regular mail to all ALPCA members living in our territory or who have attended our meets, and are also available on the region web site. However, future issues will be sent via regular mail only to those members who do not have an e-mail address listed on the ALPCA roster, whose e-mails are found to be non-functional, or who have requested a hard copy of the newsletter to be mailed to them. ■

### Your current Chesapeake Region officers

- President – Rick Kretschmer #9652 of Clayton, N.C.
- Vice President – Xavier Hadjadj #7838 of Princeton, N.J.
- Treasurer – Tom Smith #1328 of Goochland, Va.
- Secretary – Christopher Jackson #10844 of Olney, Md.

### For more information

Our web site at [www.alpca-chesapeake.org](http://www.alpca-chesapeake.org) always has the most up-to-date information. It also provides the means to submit questions and comments via e-mail. We're also on Facebook; find us by searching for "alpca chesapeake".

Or, contact Rick Kretschmer, region president, via e-mail at [rickkret@gmail.com](mailto:rickkret@gmail.com), or by phone at 919-553-7975 (home) or 919-673-7719 (cell).