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CHESAPEAKE COMMUNIQUÉ

Official newsletter of the ALPCA Chesapeake Region

What a Summer!

Wow, what a summer we had in the plate collecting community! I'm relatively new to the ALPCA Chesapeake Region, so keep that in mind when I say this, but for a plate collector in the Mid-Atlantic region we certainly had a multitude of opportunities to get out and join fellow collectors in so many different events. Our late spring meet in Mechanicsville was a great success, the convention in Hampton was phenomenal (at least from my perspective as a first timer) and the Mt. Airy meet was amazing! Thanks to everyone in the Chesapeake Region who worked to bring these events to life and I for one am looking forward to what 2023 will bring!

-Larry Haake #12770

Annandale now a Regional Meet

Big news coming out of our Mt. Airy Meet (recap of that on page 3): the annual late winter meet held in Annandale, VA will be an official regional meet beginning in 2023 - that'll make three official meets in our region! Jeff Potter #4564 is working hard getting that meet ready and all the details for the March 11th meet will be available in our January issue.



VA

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New DC plate promotes bicycle awareness



The District of Columbia has released a new specialty license plate for bicycle awareness. The new plate will cost DC motorists \$25 initially and \$20 annually with the funds going to the Vision Zero Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Fund.

**2023 WINTER MEET
ANNANDALE, VA
MARCH 11, 2023
DETAILS NEXT ISSUE!**



**2023 SPRING MEET
MECHANICSVILLE, VA
MAY 20, 2023**



My First Convention...

Impressions of the Hampton 2022

by Larry Haake #12770



While there is an official recap of the ALPCA 2022 International Convention in the October edition of "Plates" magazine, I did want to offer my perspective as a first time attendee and relatively new member to ALPCA (joined in 2018).

First and foremost, a year out from the convention I had already marked time off from work because I was certain I would go. With the convention being in Hampton, VA - just shy of an hour from me - it was a golden opportunity! I had no idea what to expect when convention time came. Talking with fellow collectors at our spring meet in Mechanicsville, the excitement for me was building for the upcoming convention and when July rolled around, it was like Christmas time. Heading to Hampton for the Thursday & Friday part of the convention I can say I was overwhelmed by the sheer number of plates and collectors in one space. I know some guys are saying it's not the biggest convention they've seen, but for someone like me who's not been to a single one, this was huge!

Now I had certain plates I was looking for. And while searching for the plates I wanted was a goal of mine, one of the things about the convention that almost overrode that need to search was connecting with other collectors.

Talking with folks from all over the world, meeting friends face-to-face that I had only known through social media, sharing the experience of being at the convention it really was a thrill for me.

Maybe I making too much of it, but in times like these where we are constantly bombarded by bad news, bad economy, bad this, bad that....it's nice to get away from it for a while and just focus on something fun, and be around people from all walks of life who share the enjoyment of plate collecting with you.

The Hampton Convention was a great escape for me for a few days and I hope it was for you too. I don't know the next time I'll be able to visit another convention, I hope it's soon...but I sure am glad I went this year.

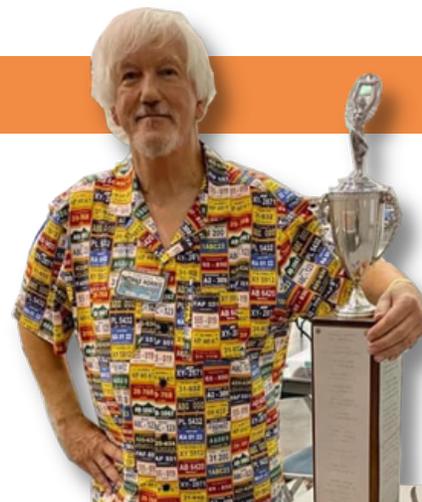


Congratulations to our fellow Chesapeake region members who won awards or honorable mention at the 2022 Convention:

Bradley Gallagher #8768
Charles Gaithier #1539
Dave Lincoln #693
Reed Matson #9805
Scott Mitchell #6625
Tim O'Connor #8123
Jeff Potter #4565
Alex Silvia #12119
Reid Williamson #5198

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations to Tom Norris #2961 for winning best display and best of show at the 2022 ALPCA Convention this week with his pre-1933 Virginia town tag collection!





Be sure to check out our website: alpc-chesapeake.org

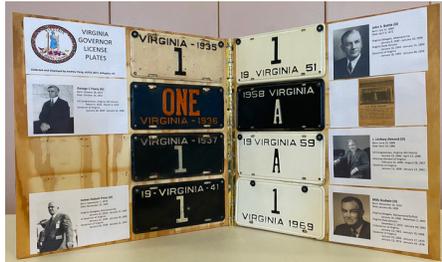


Mt. Airy Meet Recap

by Rick Kretschmer #9652



The Chesapeake Region's flagship meet returned to its traditional venue in Mount Airy, Maryland on August 20. As has become the norm, all 57 available tables were pre-sold weeks before the meet, and we had near record attendance with 65 ALPCA members, 2 prospective members, and 21 guests present. These members hailed from 16 different states plus Washington, D.C. Trading was brisk all morning and well into the afternoon, interrupted only to take a group photo, present display awards, hold an auction, and devour a pizza lunch. Quite a few members brought interesting plate displays. Display awards were presented to Andrew Pang for his amazing collection of Virginia governor plates (top right), and also to Clayton Moore (bottom right). The ALPCA Chesapeake Region will be back bigger and better than ever in 2023, with at least three and maybe four or more regional meets in the works.



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Looking for contributions about plates and plate collecting activities from Maryland, DC, and Delaware for a future issue. If you have a plate of interest or story about the hobby you'd like to share please let us know!