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Meet You In Mechanicsville



Pictured: the gym at Fairmount Christian Church in Mechanicsville

We're pleased to announce that our 2024 Spring Meet will take place on Saturday, May 18th from 8am until 2pm. The meet is at new indoor location this year; being held at Fairmount Christian Church (**6502 Creighton Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23111**) in Hanover County northeast of Richmond. There are more than 50 six foot tables available.

We do not anticipate running out of tables so no reservation is required. Sellers are also welcome to bring their own tables and setup if desired. As in recent years, there'll be no charge for attendance, tables or refreshments. Refreshments will be provided during the event (coffee, donuts, snacks). The theme for this year will be Permit Plates. These are usually small metal plates issued by state or local governments that serve as business permits, vehicle usage permits, etc. Awards will be presented for the best plate display corresponding to the meet's theme, and best general plate display (that is, a display not corresponding to the meet's theme). A donation auction with proceeds benefiting the ALPCA Chesapeake Region will also be held. Fairmount Christian Church is easily accessible from I-295's Exit 34A, the church will be 2/10 mile on right. For more information go online to <https://www.alpca-chesapeake.org> or contact meet host Larry Haake at (804) 651-6843 or heykey4@gmail.com.



ALPCA-themed license plate could be coming to Maryland soon

A new Maryland optional license plate could soon be available for ALPCA members. Chris Hawman has been working with the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration to develop a license plate collector optional plate. A conceptual draft of the plate is pictured above. For the plate to go into production the Maryland MVA requires 25 ALPCA members residing in Maryland to register for the plate. As of printing 12 have registered.

If you are a Maryland resident and member of ALPCA and would be interested in registering for the license plate collector optional plate, contact Chris by email: chrisjhawman@gmail.com



Be sure to check out our website: alpcachesapeake.org



Annandale kicked off Region's 2024 Meet Season

The official start to the Region's 2024 Plate Meet Season kicked off with the annual Spring Thaw Plate Meet in Annandale, Virginia on March 9th. We had a terrific turnout with 47 ALPCA members, 10 guests and 1 prospect.



The display theme was oddball plates. The winner of the best oddball plate display was first-time attender (at least to Chesapeake Region meets) Dave Banick of Delaware for his display of mostly Delaware and Assateague Island surf fishing permits. We had no non-oddball displays, so the winner of the best general display award went to the second-place oddball display brought by Tim O'Connor.

Per region bylaws, elections were held for president/director and four other directors for a two-year term that will begin on Sept. 1. Current president Rick Kretschmer announced he would not be seeking reelection for Region President. Once nominations were open, Jack Hollinsworth was the only person nominated for president and he was unanimously elected by voice vote. All four of the other incumbent directors (Ed Burr, Chris Jackson, Tom Smith, and Rick Kretschmer) were willing to continue to serve and there were no other nominations. The four were also unanimously elected by voice vote.

The four board members in attendance then held a board meeting. Jack was re-elected as chairman. Rick was elected as vice-chairman, a position called for in the bylaws which has never been previously filled. Jack appointed Rick as vice-president of events (another position called for in the bylaws which has never been previously filled) and the board ratified that appointment. All votes were unanimous, with those being elected or ratified abstaining. Again, these changes are effective Sept. 1. V.P. and treasurer positions are by appointment and serve indefinitely, so Larry Haake continues as vice-president of communications and Tom Smith continues as treasurer.

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The Chesapeake Communiqué is currently being published quarterly. If you have information you'd like featured in the newsletter, please contact Larry Haake #12770 by email at heykey4@gmail.com or phone (804) 651-6843.

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!

SAVE THE DATE

Mount Airy Meet: Saturday, August 17th, 8am-3pm

St. Michael Catholic Church of Poplar Springs
1125 St. Michael's Road | Mount Airy, Md. 21771

Contact meet host Jack Hollingsworth (jack.a.hollingsworth@gmail.com) for more info.