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## CHESAPEAKE COMMUNIQUE

Official newsletter of the ALPCA Chesapeake Region

# Let's Thaw Things Out in Annandale!

58 People attended last year's Annandale Meet



We're pleased to announce that our 2025 Spring Thaw Meet will take place on Saturday, March 8th from 8am until 2pm at The United Baptist Church fellowship hall (7100 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003). Free admission for all attendees along with complimentary donuts, coffee and other refreshments. Tables are \$15 each. **(See right for more info)**

Space is Limited!!! We sometimes run out of tables at this location, and so we suggest reserving the table(s) you need by paying for them in advance. The earlier you pay, the more likely we will be able to accommodate you. (Please note: there is no room to setup your own table inside the church).

**Awards will be presented for the two best plate displays so be sure to bring your display to enter! A donation auction will also be held with proceeds going to defray the cost of the meet.**

As always, volunteers are needed to help with set-up, manning the registration desk, sorting plates donated for the auction, assisting with the auction itself, judging displays, tear down, clean up, etc.

**Reminder:** this event is not open to the public. ALPCA members in good standing and their non-collector guests are welcome. Prospective members who wish to attend should contact us in advance of attending.

For more information about this meet, contact meet hosts Jeff Potter #4564 at [jeff.potter0920@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.potter0920@gmail.com) or 703-346-7200 or Andrew Pang #3877, at 202-615-6468 or [alpca3877@comcast.net](mailto:alpca3877@comcast.net).

## Table Reservation Info for Annandale Meet March 8th.

Reservations for one or more table will only be accepted when accompanied by advance payment of \$15 per table. If all available tables have been paid for, those sending in table payments will be contacted to see whether they want to be placed on a waiting list or have their payment returned. Those on the waiting list may get a table if someone cancels, or may be able to take over a table if someone leaves early. Those who cannot be fully accommodated will have their payment adjusted or refunded.

If you pay for a table and then are unable to attend the event or otherwise not need the table your payment may be refunded upon request in advance of the meet. Refunds are not issued to no-shows and your ability to reserve tables in the future may be prohibited.

Make checks or money orders payable to ALPCA Chesapeake Region or cash is also accepted.

Payments may be mailed to Rick Kretschmer, ALPCA #9652 at his home address found in the member roster. Or contact Rick to arrange electronic payment ([rickkret@gmail.com](mailto:rickkret@gmail.com)).



Be sure to check out our website: [alpc-chesapeake.org](http://alpc-chesapeake.org)



# News & Notes...



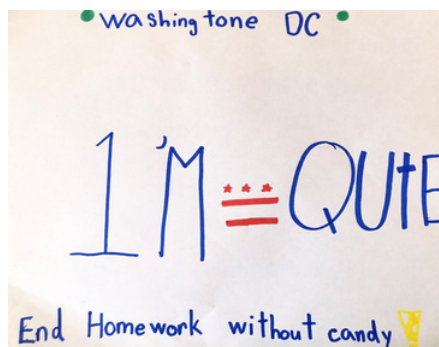
The Virginia Senate Finance Committee voted down a bill that would have eliminated the annual registration stickers on license plates. The bill, SB1061, was introduced by Yorktown, VA Senator Danny Diggs. The bill had made it out of the Senate Transportation Committee who referred it to Finance where it was defeated.



State of Maryland has updated their signature Chesapeake Bay license plate. While design elements of the 2018 issue plate remain the same, the slogan has been updated to include not just the Chesapeake, but all Coastal Bays in the state.



The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles has released the motorcycle version of the "Richmond Planet" license plate which was a contender for the 2024 ALPCA Best Plate Award. It, along with its full-size counterpart, features a QR code to learn more about the famed Richmond Planet newspaper.



Washington, DC is cracking down on fake and counterfeit license plates. The DC Department of Public Works is now beefing up its capability to ticket, boot, or tow vehicles with fake and illegitimate DC tags. In 2021, there were only six enforcement officers checking tags in the District, plans are to increase that number to crack down on the rise of these fake plates.

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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!

## SAVE THE DATE

**Mechanicsville Meet:**  
Saturday, May 17th | 8am - 2pm

Fairmount Christian Church  
6502 Creighton Road | Mechanicsville, VA 23111  
Contact meet host Larry Haake  
([heykey4@gmail.com](mailto:heykey4@gmail.com)) for more info.

**Mount Airy Meet:**  
Saturday, August 9th | 8am - 2pm

St. Michael's Catholic Church  
1125 St Michaels Road | Mt Airy, MD 21771  
Contact meet host Jack Hollingsworth  
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