

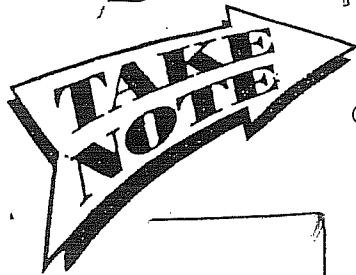
# The Valve Tapper



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NEXT MEETING

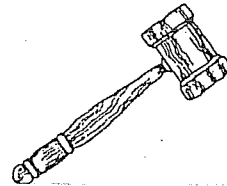
March 11, 2010

Glyndon United Methodist  
Church

4713 Butler Road

Glyndon, MD  
7:30 P.M.

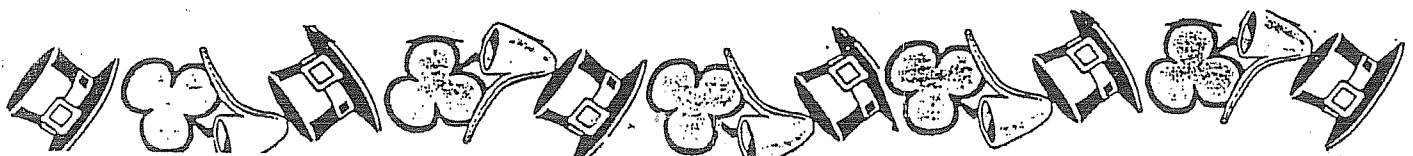
## From The Director



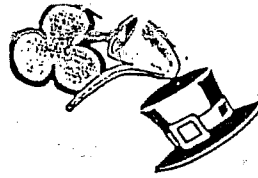
On Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup> we held our 2010 Annual Covered Dish Buffet and Auction. It was a beautiful sunny day and despite the light turnout of 19 people we had a good time eating, chatting and bidding on auction items. My thanks to Jack Anderson who helped me with the auctioneer duties and helped keep things moving along and to Bill Scott for keeping track of the auction bids and bringing the ice cream. We had a good variety of auto and non-auto related items and the proceeds helped our treasury. I think Rodney and Liz made the biggest haul and Franklin was a close second. Thanks to all who attended and helped make this event a success and thanks to the ladies (and guys too) for all the good eats and treats.

At our last meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup> we completed the VCCA Modified Vehicle Questionnaire and at the Covered Dish Buffet any member who had not previously completed a questionnaire was given an opportunity to complete one. I have tallied the scores for Ken Farley when he comes to our next meeting which is March 11<sup>th</sup> which has been delayed a week because of his travel schedule. It was interesting to note that only two questions had a unanimous score of #1 (strongly agree). The two questions were #2) Touring is about fun and participation and #13) Members have modified cars for different reasons..... We should define exactly what is allowed.

Overall, our members seemed to "generally agree" that there could be a place in the VCCA for modified vehicles if it is done properly and in addition they should be allowed to participate if there were separate and distinct categories. The board of directors should continue to explore all possibilities and options to expand and enhance our club. This will be an interesting topic as the National VCCA and the Local Regions struggle with declining membership. I look forward to seeing you at our March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss this topic in more depth with Ken Farley. Best Regards, Dave.



# From The Editor....



Faults are the easiest things to find.

Well, March has finally arrived. Let's hope the worse of the winter snow is behind us. I can never in my lifetime remember back-to-back storms leaving so much accumulation of snow (32 inches + 23 inches).

March brings St. Patrick's Day on the 17th -- wear your green and think of green grass coming. The Chesapeake Region AACA flea market will be held on March 13 at the Howard County Fairgrounds. A good time to get out and enjoy the hobby with other "antique car nuts". Sugarloaf Mountain Region AACA will host a swap meet and car corral on March 27th and 28th.

Our Covered Dish/Auction was held on February 21st with good food, a fun-filled auction, and time for the members to enjoy each other's company. Some had not seen each other since the Christmas party in December. We need to give Dave and Ginny a "big thank you" for coordinating and hosting the Covered Dish and Dave and Jack Anderson for conducting the auction.

Take note of the change of date for the March meeting. Let's have a good turn out. Ken Farley plans to be present to hear our comments on the "modified vehicle" matter to be discussed at the VCCA National Board meeting in April. If you have any other concerns regarding VCCA policy, etc. come out and make Ken aware so he can take these to the Board meeting.



Look who's having a  
**Birthday!**



March 4 - - Bill Baldwin  
7 - - Michael R. Natale, Robert R. NATALE  
16 -- John Wellham  
26 -- Bill Scott  
28 -- Cass Casciero

We were all saddened to learn of the passing of member Dan Blake on February 3rd. Sympathy is extended to his widow, Leanie and their daughter, Phyllis Lott. Viewing was held on Sunday, February 7th and Monday, February 8th. A memorial service was held on Sunday, February 14th.

## Definitions of Cars For Sale

Amateur Restoration	-	Painted with a brush.
90% Complete	-	Just needs a body.
Rebuilt Engine	-	Has new spark plugs.
May Run	-	Odds are it won't.
Rare Model	-	I only have one.
Always Garaged	-	Never could get it started.
Lost Storage	-	Neighbors got up petition.
No Rust	-	Fenders are missing.
Towable	-	Suggest you follow behind and pick up parts.

# In Memoriam

Daniel Grover Blake, Jr.

April 30, 1930 --- February 3, 2010

Our late member, Daniel G. Blake, lost a courageous battle with leukemia on February 3, 2010. He and his wife, Ellean (Leanie) had been married for 59 years. They had one daughter, Phyllis Lott and one grandson, Kevin M. Lott. Dan had one surviving brother and was predeceased by three brothers.

Dan before his retirement in 1995 had been a carpenter and a builder of custom homes. He had built more than 100 houses during his years as a builder.

Over the years he had owned a 1923 Model T Doctor's Coupe, a 1915 Model T. Touring Sedan, a 1928 Chevrolet, a 1956 Plymouth Savoy, a 1948 Plymouth Convertible, and a 1967 Plymouth Barracuda Convertible.

Another of Dan's interests was clowning. He was a long time member of the Boumai Temple of the Shrine and enjoyed entertaining thousands at fairs, picnics, hospitals, convalescent homes and parades. He was known as the entertainer "Saltwater" along with his sidekick, "Taffy". His personal card carried the saying - "Trying to Make a Difference in Someone's Life".

Dan had a certain amount of expertise in auto mechanics and did a lot of work on his antique cars. The 1928 Chevrolet he had took him four years to restore. He had also at one time owned a 1937 Packard which he acquired in Atlantic City. He belonged to the National Chevrolet Club and the local Free State Region; the National and local Plymouth Clubs; the National and local Model T Ford Clubs; and AACA.

His voice and laughter still lives on in memories tender and true.

Submitted by Dorothy Miller, #06146  
Secretary

FREE STATE COVERED DISH AND AUCTION

Sunday, February 21, 2010 was a beautiful, clear winter day for our affair at the Glyndon United Methodist Church in Glyndon, MD. Our director, Dave Boyer took care of handling calls and Ginny Boyer was our hostess taking care of the buffet table.

We were glad to see Wayne McDaniel and his daughter, Holly. Holly has been busy taking care of Wayne who had surgery on his achilles tendon he injured at a car show and also her mother, Linda, who had a hip replacement around the same time. We missed Jean Wilhelm, however, Bob was able to attend and could pass on our good wishes to Jean at home. Ginetta Schlee said she has been busy taking care of her father, Gino, who is in the hospital now. Our thoughts and prayers are with all these members and friends and we wish them well.

Dave wanted to have a short meeting before we sat down to eat. Because of the snow we didn't send flowers when our dear friend and member, Dan Blake, died. We decided to send a contribution to the Memorial Fund suggested by the family. We sure do miss Dan and we wish Leanie the strength she needs to carry on. Dottie asked about our picnic at Piney Run and we decided September 12 would be the best date, the Sunday after Labor Day. The Meadowood show will be held July 18. Our next monthly meeting will be Thursday, March 11. Ken Farley hopes to attend and will collect the Questionnaires we received regarding Modified Vehicles for the National VCCA Board of Directors.

We were now getting rather hungry, so Jack Anderson said Grace and we started lining up. I had to laugh when Liz Rhodes made a delicious meatloaf in a bundt pan. It was a terrific idea, but a few times someone picked it up to put with the desserts and had to be put back where it belonged.

I was happy Charlie Lewis brought Kentucky Fried chicken. I love it and haven't had it since moving to Fairhaven. At the Christmas party I sat with Bill Scott and he mentioned a secretary he had who was at Fairhaven receiving therapy. At this affair, I sat with Grace and Bill Baldwin who had just come from a church service where they celebrated the birthday of a present resident of Fairhaven. It's a small world. Dottie Miller brought her famous pretzel salad. I especially like the bottom layer so I do a good job of cleaning the pan. I didn't know Franklin Gage was such a good baker. He bought a Model T cookie cutter at the Henry Ford Museum and the cookies were really good. Dottie has a Chevrolet bow tie cookie cutter Arthur made. You can tell we are an antique car club. We really had a good variety of deviled eggs, salads and veggies and Bill Scott rounded out the buffet with ice cream to go with or without the many sweets.

It was now time for our auctioneers, Dave Boyer and Jack Anderson to step forward. We had a variety of items that kept our Treasurer, Bill Scott, busy keeping everything in order. I was getting a little worried. Franklin kept buying so much I was afraid he wouldn't have room for me in the car to go home.

It was a delightful Sunday afternoon. Our Free State bank account is a little healthier thanks to Dave, Jack and Bill and all the big time spenders. We thank Dave for taking calls and Ginny for hostessing (and cleaning up).

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FREE STATE COVERED DISH AND AUCTION (CONTINUED)

It was still good weather (after all that snow) as we left Kathy and Jack's church to head home to watch NASCAR, the Olympics in Vancouver, or to do whatever makes you happy.

Bring on Spring!  
Mary Fuhrman



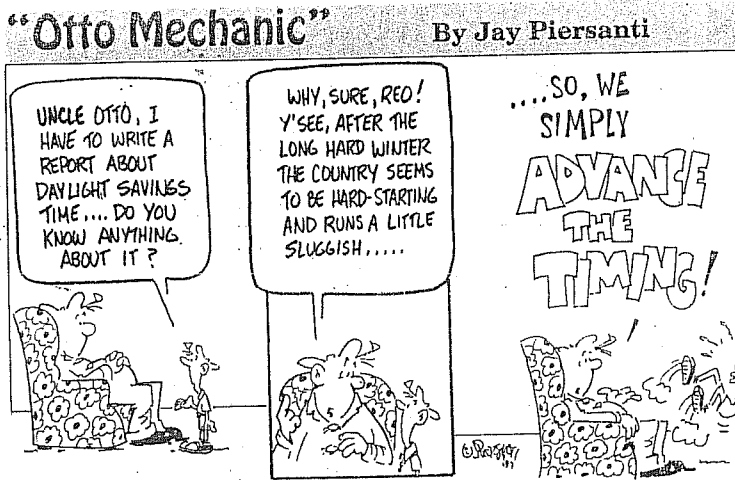
SPEAKING OF GREEN . . . . .

Check out your St. Patrick's Day vocabulary with this one: every word or phrase starts with -- what else?-- the word GREEN.

1. Lots of trees and grass encircling your condo complex. You're surrounded by a \_\_\_\_\_
2. Jealous? You're \_\_\_\_\_
3. Told it's OK to proceed? You're getting the \_\_\_\_\_
4. Native Vermonter? You're from the \_\_\_\_\_
5. Have a wonderful way with plants? You're blessed with a \_\_\_\_\_
6. Inexperienced? You're a \_\_\_\_\_
7. Sipping an old-time supersweet fountain drink? You're drinking a \_\_\_\_\_
8. Watching a rerun of the Eddie Albert-Eva Gabor series? You're tuned in to \_\_\_\_\_
9. Buying veggies in an English produce store? You're patronizing a \_\_\_\_\_

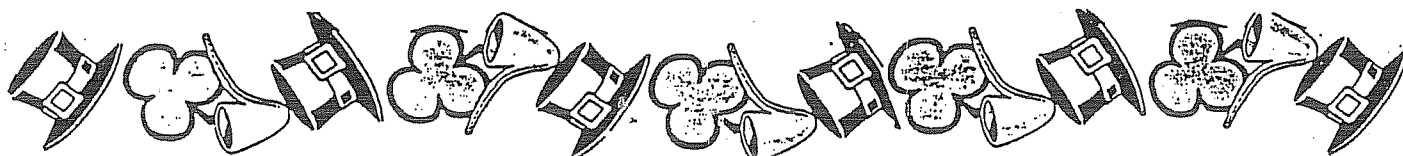
Answers: 1-greenbelt, 2-green with envy, 3-green light, 4-green Mountain State, 5-green thumb, 6-greenhorn, 7-green river, 8-GREEN ACRES, 9-greengrocer.

FEATURED CARTOON ...



MIDWINTER CAR CHECK

- Add only winter-grade oil (as per your owner's manual recommendations) when it's needed.
- Periodically test strength and check radiator's coolant level to ensure sufficient antifreeze protection. Top up with antifreeze as needed.
- Check the battery regularly. Maintain correct electrolyte levels on batteries requiring maintenance.
- Lubricate door locks to prevent them from freezing.
- Replenish windshield washer fluid with anti-freeze mixture.
- Clean all light lenses and test lights with a helper.
- Check tire inflation levels lowered by colder temperatures.
- Inspect windshield wipers and replace if cracked or hardened.





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March
- 7 Swap Meet/Car Corral, Hamburg, PA hosted by Ontelaunee Region AACA, Lester Manwiller, 610-944-8619
  - 11 FREE STATE REGION REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, Glyndon United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.
  - 13 37th Chesapeake Region AACA Auto Parts Flea Market at Howard County Fairgrounds - Tom Young, 410/653-3108
  - 14 Daylight Saving Time begins - set clocks ahead one hour
  - 17 St. Patrick's Day
  - 20 First Day of Spring
  - 26-27 40th Sugarloaf Region AACA Auto Parts Flea Market/Car/Corral, Frederick Fairgrounds, Robert Clubb - 301-831-0300
  - 28 Palm Sunday
  - 28 South Jersey Region AACA 39th Swap Meet/Car Corral (Cowtown), information Jim Shriner, 856-769-4714
- April
- 1 All Fools Day
  - 1 FREE STATE REGION REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, Glyndon United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.
  - 2 Good Friday
  - 4 Easter Sunday
  - 4 Chesapeake Region AACA Street Car Museum Antique Car Show, noon - 4 p.m.
  - 10 Southeastern Spring Meet, Hornet Nest's Region AACA, Charlotte, NC. - information 704-841-1396
  - 15 Income Taxes Due
  - 21-25 Spring Carlisle, Carlisle, PA at Fairgrounds, information: 717-243-7855
  - 22 Earth Day
  - 23-25 National VCCA 2010 Board Meeting, Flint Michigan
- May
- 1-2 Chesapeake Region AACA and Antique Motor Club of Greater Baltimore - Towson Town Spring Festival Car Show, Towson
  - 6 Free State Region Regular Monthly Meeting - Glyndon United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.
  - 8 Shenandoah Region AACA 52nd Apple Blossom Meet, Winchester, VA, information: 540-533-7376
  - 9 Mother's Day
  - 15 Armed Forces Day
  - 19 Shavuot
  - 30 Memorial Day - Traditional
  - 31 Memorial Day - Observed