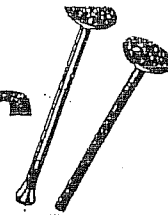


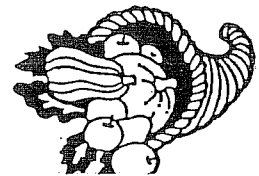
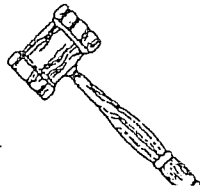
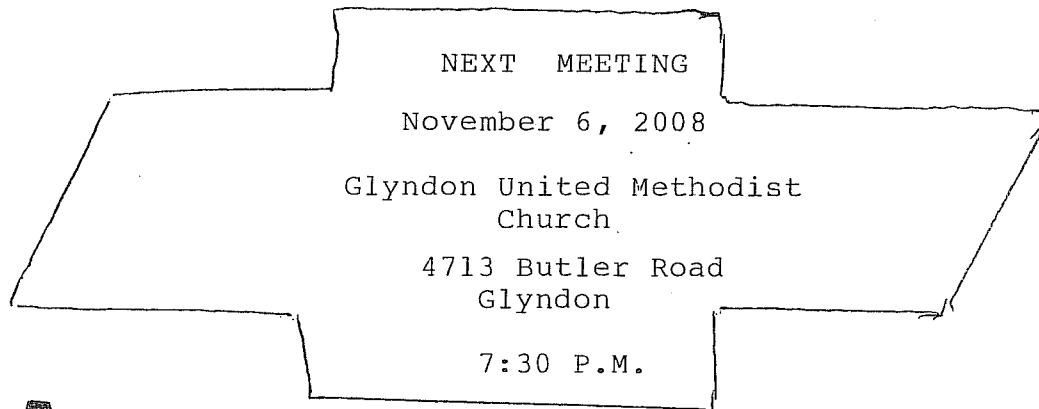
# The Valve Tapper



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I hope those of you who made it to Carlisle and Hershey in October had a great time. The weather was quite pleasant both weeks and I hear that the flea market at Hershey was as busy as ever. Despite the growth of the Internet and its impact on antique cars and parts sales, Hershey remains a "can't miss" experience. Maybe I'll be able to attend next year; it seems that my work obligations frequently get in the way of my hobby!

The club's Executive Board met on Thursday evening, October 16 to discuss plans for 2009. Besides our Covered Dish Dinner, Officers Installation and Auction, which will be held at Glyndon Church on Sunday afternoon, February 8, we are planning a spring tour, to be led by Ed Cluster, a fall tour, and our end-of-summer club picnic. There was also support and enthusiasm for another mid-summer progressive lunch and dinner run, possibly in June.

Regarding car shows, the Executive Board had to make a difficult choice. Due to our club's dwindling membership and the increased reliance on fewer people to handle various show responsibilities and functions, the Board has decided that we will not hold a Catonsville Show in 2009. However, we will hold the Meadowood Regional Park Show in late July.

This was a very painful decision, particularly for members of the Executive Board who have been in the Free State Region since Day One. Catonsville was a much anticipated VCCA nationally-sanctioned show for many years. People came from all over the eastern states to have their cars seen and judged on the campus of the Baltimore County Community College. However, in recent years, it became clear that the club could no longer support a national event given all the necessary requirements and the limited number of members who could commit to helping out. In 2005, we decided to make Catonsville an "All GM" show, which was less demanding than a VCCA national show but still requiring a number of club members to take charge of various functions. Show registrations were good the first three years, but disappointing this year, possibly due to the excessive heat in early June. But the reality is that only a handful of members have tirelessly and unselfishly shouldered a very large amount of the work for both Catonsville and Meadowood. Therefore, the Executive Board felt that the club could not successfully support two car shows in 2009.

Director's Message – November 2008

Why Meadowood instead of Catonsville? In general, Meadowood is an easier event to run. For example, there is no class judging, so vehicles do not have to be parked in assigned spaces. Also, since Meadowood is open to all makes, we have consistently had more vehicles on the field than at Catonsville. Nonetheless, even with Meadowood, we will require "all hands on deck." Bob Wilhelm will again be show chairperson, but he will need volunteers to head up the different functions (registration, food concession, judging, etc.) and as many members as possible to attend and lend assistance. We're still months away from planning, but please be prepared to support this show.

Our regular club meeting will be on Thursday, November 6 at 7:30PM at Glyndon Church if any member would like to discuss this decision at greater length. Best wishes, Jack

PS – Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday later this month!



THIS WILL BE VOTED ON AT HOLIDAY PARTY, MANOR TAVERN ON DECEMBER 14, 2008  
FREE STATE REGION  
OFFICIAL 2009-2010 OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD NOMINEES

DIRECTOR

\_\_\_\_\_ Dave Boyer

Write in \_\_\_\_\_

TREASURER

\_\_\_\_\_ Bill Scott

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

\_\_\_\_\_ Jack Anderson

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SECRETARY

\_\_\_\_\_ Dottie Miller

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

(Vote for 5)

\_\_\_\_\_ Cass Casciero

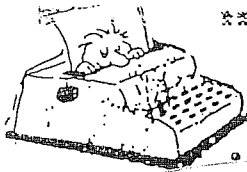
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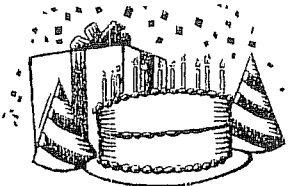
# from the Editor

Nothing is difficult when you put your heart into it.

It's hard to believe that we are in November already. The year 2008 is rapidly disappearing. Thanksgiving is almost upon us. This is a good time to do a little serious thinking about the first part of that big word -- especially so for 2008. Sometimes we tend to look at the negative side of things and forget what we should be thankful for. We should be thankful that the "old car hobby" remains strong and that we can enjoy fellowship with other hobbyists.

The slate of nominees for 2009-2010 Officers and Executive Board prepared by the Nominating Committee is printed in this Newsletter. We will be voting on these names at our December Holiday Party short meeting.

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour when you go to bed on Saturday, November 1st. Daylight Saving Time ends November 2nd.

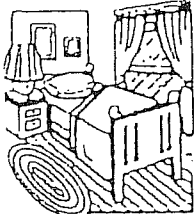


Look who's having a **Birthday!**

- November 6 - Leanie Blake
- 13 - Jack Anderson
- 21 - Dave Boyer
- 29 - Carole Dunstan

*Anniversaries  
this  
Month*

November 5, 1963 --  
Joe & Helen Caldwell



Recovering

Dan Blake is still receiving periods of chemo for his leukemia. His blood numbers seem to be a little better. His voice is much stronger than it has been in the past. Keep him and Leanie in your prayers.

*Thank  
You!*

A telephone call from Joe Caldwell thanked the members of the Free State Region for their cards and notes sent to Helen at the Assisted Living Facility

*Our  
Deepest  
Sympathy*



The antique car hobby lost a strong supporter on October 8, 2008 when Bob Ruckman succumbed to cancer. Bob had authored COMMENTARIES since 1989 that were used in many vintage car newsletters. He touched on many topics in these columns picking up items of interest to hobbyists. He always hoped that his writings would cause people "to think:", Bob had had a career as a physicist for the U.S. Government. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Gail Gaylock his companion and nurse for 37 years and to his three daughters and six grandchildren. His dash plaque collection was bequeathed to the AACA Museum in Hershey, PA.

**SMILE!**

An election year is when a lot of politicians get free speech mixed up with cheap talk.

The guy who never votes is the first one to tell you that's wrong with the government.

# FREE STATE REGION

## 2008 ANNUAL HOLIDAY GATHERING

WHAT: A CATERED HOLIDAY BUFFET DINNER FOR  
FREE STATE MEMBERS, SPOUSES AND GUESTS.

This year the Free State Club will pay for **FREE DINNERS** for  
EACH FREE STATE MEMBERSHIP (Member and Spouse, or Significant Other)

*GUESTS ARE WELCOME AT A COST OF \$ 20.00 each.*

WHEN: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2008 1:00PM through 4:00PM

WHERE: MANOR TAVERN  
15819 OLD YORK RD. MONKTON, MD. 21111  
410-771-8155

CALL: MAE or BILL SCOTT 410-527-0953  
==== TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ====  
SIGN UP DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 1, 2008

There will be NO gift exchange this year.

A short Business Meeting will be held.

### REMEMBER TO BRING

MITTENS and HATS so we may give to needy children.



DIRECTIONS: Beltway to Exit 27, Dulaney Valley Rd North (RT 146)  
Go about 8 miles to Manor Shopping Center and traffic light  
At light, turn left (West) onto Paper Mill Rd. (Rt 145)  
Go about a mile and turn right (North) onto Old York Rd.  
Go to Stop Sign and turn Left  
Go about 1/2 mile and Manor Tavern is on your right

## *HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL*

FREE STATE REGION MEETING  
October 2, 2008

Our Director, Jack Anderson, opened the meeting welcoming those present.

Franklin Gage gave a run-down of a two day Fall Tour he has been planning to Auburn Heights Preserve and Winterthur on October 25 and 26. It sounds good and especially if you are interested in antiques. Ed Cluster said Judi is VERY interested in antiques.

Ed has been working on the club website and is still looking for articles concerning your vintage car. It doesn't have to be a whole page, it can just be a sentence or two or even just a picture. Ed is really doing a good job.

Our Covered Dish Dinner, Installation of Officers and Auction will be coming up after the first of the year. Sunday seems to be more popular than Saturday but we have to set a date. Kathy Anderson and Ginny Boyer will chair the affair and we are leaning toward a catered affair. The auction seems to be popular. You can bring household items or car parts, etc., as long as they are not explosive or corrosive.

Ed Cluster has also been working on a Spring Tour for us. He has one of a Civil War route in Carroll County. He said he can make it as long or as short as we like. Dottie suggested a Monacacy tour of which she is familiar that may be included in Ed's tour. It will probably be in April 2009. More information will follow.

Jack has been having a booth in Timonium in December for a few years and was hoping to have one again this year to try to get new active members. It is good to contact people personally and perhaps have a projector and screen to attract people to the booth.

Dave Boyer had a Presentation: Buying, Building, Tinkering With and Collecting Cars and Other Motorized Contraptions. Dave told us how he became interested in cars when he made a Go-cart with a motor in front. Most everyone who made go-carts put the motor in back, but he wanted to be different. He was quite young when a state trooper stopped him and went back home with him and his go-cart. Dave told us so many interesting stories it almost sounds like he may become another Charlie Lewis. He gave us a lot of laughs. And then there was the story about his older brother who bought a car for \$35 at the age of 15. From the stories he told about he and his brother, I'm sure his parents started turning gray. We really enjoyed it. Thanks, Dave.

Mary Führman

## TIPS to Share

GALS -- Remove and save the shoulder pads from dresses and blouses you are getting rid of. Your husband can use them for waxing and polishing the car. They are soft and fit in the palm of his hand.

Don't throw out old speedometer cables. They make great snakes to clean out fuel and vacuum lines. Cable are also handy for fishing wires through pillars and conduits.



# Calendar of Events

- November 2 Daylight Saving Time Ends  
4 Election Day -- Be sure to exercise your right to vote  
6 FREE STATE REGION, VCCA REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING,  
GUMC - 7:30 p.m.  
11 Veterans Day  
27 Thanksgiving Day
- December 4 FREE STATE REGION VCCA REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING,  
GUMC, 7:30 p.m.  
5-7 Christmas at New Market, MD  
5-7 Christmas at Carroll County Farm Museum, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
6-7 East Coast Indoor National Invitational Car Show,  
Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD  
7 Pearl Harbor Day  
12-14 Christmas at Carroll County Farm Museum, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
14 FREE STATE REGION HOLIDAY PARTY, Manor Tavern - see  
flyer in this Newsletter to make reservations  
21 First Day of Winter  
22 First Day of Hanukkah  
25 Christmas Day  
26 Kwanzaa  
31 New Year's Eve
- February 8 FREE STATE REGION COVERED DISH INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS/  
AUCTION, GUMC --- 1:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.



## CAR STORAGE ADVICE

1. Wash the entire vehicle - avoid use of solvent-based products such as bug and tar removers.
2. Use high quality touch-up paint after washing when car is clean and free of wax.
3. Wax the car prior to storage.
4. Vacuum entire interior and under the seats. Don't forget the trunk. Clean upholstery and carpet stains. Wash floor mats. Make sure these areas are completely dry before storing the car.
5. Coat interior, upholstery, trim pieces, rubber bumper parts, weather stripping and convertible top with a protectant.
6. Drive the car to warm the engine to full operating temperature. Drain crankcase while the engine is still warm. Change oil and oil filter.
7. Check the power steering fluid level. Check the radiator fluid to be sure it has the correct mixture of anti-freeze and water.
8. Change the fuel filter.
9. Use a gas stabilizer to protect the fuel in the gas tank.
10. Install clean air filter. Protect each cylinder with oil during storage. Remove spark plugs and squirt oil into each combustion chamber.
11. Place a piece of wood under each tire.
12. Don't set parking brake - moisture in cables can rust the brake. Use PARK if an automatic or reverse gear on a straight shift.
13. Use mothballs to keep pests out.