



# Chesapeake Communiqué

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Serving ALPCA members in Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, the District of Columbia, and beyond

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## Chesapeake Region returns to Mount Airy, Md. August 10

The fourth annual ALPCA Chesapeake Region Summer Plate Meet will be held on Saturday, August 10, 2013 in the gymnasium at the rear of St. Michael's Catholic Church of Poplar Springs, 1125 St. Michael's Road, Mount Airy, MD 21771, from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm. This is the same location as our last three summer meets. Each of these three years, we had 54 plate collectors in attendance at this event.

This meet's theme is **License Plates of the First State**.

Awards will be presented for the best Delaware plate display, best general (non-Delaware plate display, and longest distance traveled.

About fifty 8-foot tables will be available for \$10 each. Admission is \$5 for collectors not renting tables, with free admission for non-collector guests of ALPCA members.

Refreshments and **lunch will be available** for a suggested donation of \$5 per person, so plan to stay for the whole meet.

We'll hold a donation auction once again, of course, with proceeds going toward meet expenses and any amount beyond that going into the region treasury.

For more details, see the *For more information* box on page 2.

### Directions to meet

Mount Airy is between Baltimore and Frederick, along I-70. Get detailed directions and maps online at [www.alpca-chesapeake.org](http://www.alpca-chesapeake.org).

**From Baltimore:** From I-695 (Baltimore Beltway) take exit 16, I-70 west toward Frederick. Take I-70 exit 73, Md. Route 94, and turn left at the end of the ramp onto Md. Route 94 south toward Lisbon. Go 0.4 miles to the traffic circle, and turn right onto Md. Route 144 west. On Route 144, go 1.7 miles, then turn left onto St. Michael's Road. St. Michael's Catholic Church is 0.4 miles on your left. Gym is in the back.

**From Frederick, Md.:** Get on I-70 east toward Baltimore. Take I-70 exit 68, Md. Route 27, and turn right at the bottom of the ramp onto Md. Route 27 south toward Damascus. Then take the first left onto Md. Route 144 east. On Route 144, go 3.9 miles, then turn right onto St. Michael's Road. St. Michael's Catholic Church is 0.4 miles on your left. Gym is in the back.

**From Washington, D.C.:** From I-495 (Capital Beltway), take either exit 35 or 38 onto I-270 north toward Frederick. At I-270 exit 16, take Md. Route 27 north toward Damascus. Follow Route 27 north roughly five miles beyond Damascus. Just before the I-70 interchange and Mount Airy, turn right onto Md. Route 144 east. On Route 144, go 3.9 miles, then turn right onto St. Michael's Road. St. Michael's Catholic Church is 0.4 miles on your left. Gym is in the back. ■

## Newsletter now (nearly) all-digital

If you received this newsletter via snail mail, ALPCA probably doesn't have a good e-mail address for you. The *Chesapeake Communiqué* is sent to all ALPCA members living in our territory or who have recently attended one of our meets; it's also available on the region web site. Starting with this issue, however, newsletters are sent via regular mail only to those members who do not have an e-mail address listed on the ALPCA roster, whose e-mail addresses are found to be non-functional, or who have requested a hard copy to be mailed to them. ■

## Hey, let's have a regional meet in (insert your town name here)!

This is probably the most frequent suggestion the region officers get. Our territory includes all of Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, and D.C., and we would actually love to hold more than one meet a year and in locations besides Mount Airy.

Our biggest obstacles to doing so are finding a suitable and affordable venue; finding a date that doesn't conflict with the ALPCA convention, holidays, and other plate meets and car shows; and getting someone to coordinate or "host" the meet.

To give you an idea, the gym where the Mount Airy meet is held can accommodate about 50 8-foot tables, which would provide banquet seating for about 400 people. We don't need quite that much space – we usually sell between 35 and 40 tables. The current cost to rent the gym with tables included is \$500.00. Rick Kretschmer acts as meet host.

Someone other than Rick would need to host a second meet. The Chesterfield County, Va. fairgrounds exhibit hall, where we held the April 2011 regional meet, remains a viable location. It's larger and less expensive than Mount Airy, but it doesn't have air conditioning or many available dates. You may know of somewhere else suitable. Let's talk! ■

## New members, August 2012 - present

Be sure to welcome these new ALPCA members who live in the Chesapeake Region:

- #11646 – Justin Eadie, Fredericksburg, Va.
- #11648 – Michael J. Svezese, Jr., Joppa, Md.
- #11723 – Edward Stonesifer, Charlottesville, Va.
- #11784 – Leo A. Weigant, Severna Park, Md. ■



## Financial summary, 2010-2012

**2010 starting balance** **\$0.00**

### 2010 Income

Cash donations outside of plate meet	\$105.00
Meet admission & table fees	\$510.00
Cash donations for meet refreshments	\$237.50
Donation plate auction	\$423.00
Rebate from office supplies	\$5.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$1,280.50</b>

### 2010 Expenses

Newsletter & office expenses: printing, postage	\$139.47
Meet hall rental	\$425.00
Meet awards	\$88.65
Meet refreshments	\$287.81
Meet liability insurance	\$50.00
Meet signs, reusable (corrected)	\$24.52
<b>Total expenses (corrected)</b>	<b>\$1,015.45</b>

**2010 ending / 2011 starting balance (corrected)** **\$265.05**

### 2011 Income

Cash donations outside of plate meets	\$100.00
Meet admission & table fees	\$802.00
Cash donations for meet refreshments	\$320.50
Donation plate auctions	\$1,277.00
ALPCA dues paid at meets	\$54.00
Undetermined source (Chesterfield)	\$31.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$2,584.50</b>

### 2011 Expenses

Newsletter & office expenses: printing, postage	\$283.25
Web site domain name and hosting	\$21.57
Meet hall rentals	\$750.00
Meet awards	\$190.70
Meet refreshments	\$506.26
Meet liability insurance	\$82.00
Meet business license (Chesterfield)	\$80.00
ALPCA dues paid at meets	\$54.00
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$1,967.78</b>

**2011 ending / 2012 starting balance** **\$881.77**

### 2012 Income

Cash donations outside of plate meet	\$75.00
Meet admission & table fees	\$536.00
Cash donations for meet refreshments	\$238.60
Donation plate auction	\$607.00
ALPCA dues paid at meet	\$36.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$1,492.60</b>

### 2012 Expenses

Newsletter & office expenses: printing, postage	\$158.21
Web site domain name and hosting	\$23.57
Meet hall rental	\$500.00
Meet awards	\$98.06
Meet refreshments	\$314.91
Meet cleaning supplies	\$18.70
Meet liability insurance	\$53.00
ALPCA dues paid at meet	\$36.00
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$1,202.45</b>

**2012 ending / 2013 starting balance** **\$1,171.92**

(Figures above are unofficial but believed to be correct.) ■

## Volunteers always needed

Step up and contribute your time and talent to make the Chesapeake Region better! Here are just a few ways you may be able to make a difference:

- Plate meet site selection
- Arrange for plate meet awards
- Plate meet operations: act as meet host, set up, man registration table, judge displays, sort donation plates, auctioneer, auction “plate runners”, refreshments, photography, clean up, etc.
- Write, edit, print, and/or distribute region newsletter
- Write meet report for ALPCA Plates magazine
- Web site design, administration, and content
- Organize region activities other than plate meets (for example, a “boys night out” at a restaurant)
- Be the region historian and interview old-timers
- Liaison with Maryland MVA for state-issued ALPCA organizational license plates
- Run for an elected office

For more info about how you can help, see the *For more information* box, below. ■

## Bylaws, elections coming. Really.

The reactivated ALPCA Chesapeake Region held its first meet in August 2010, at which officers were elected from among the membership. Since then, we’ve been operating without bylaws and have not held subsequent elections.

Draft bylaws were submitted to the region’s officers last year and are still being considered. Once the officers approve a final version, the proposed bylaws will be made available to the membership for consideration and approval. Once we have approved bylaws in place, we will hold elections for regional officers and/or directors in accordance with the bylaws.

The region officers expect to approve the final version of the proposed bylaws very soon, and anticipate having the membership vote on both the bylaws and officers/directors at the next Chesapeake Region meet in 2014. Regardless, an election will be held next year. ■

### **Your current Chesapeake Region officers**

- President – Rick Kretschmer #9652 of Clayton, N.C.
- Vice President – Xavier Hadjadj #7838 of Princeton, N.J.
- Treasurer – Tom Smith #1328 of Goochland, Va.
- Secretary – Christopher Jackson #10844 of Olney, Md.

### **For more information**

Our web site at [www.alpca-chesapeake.org](http://www.alpca-chesapeake.org) always has the most up-to-date information. It also provides the means to submit questions and comments via e-mail. We’re also on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/alpca.chesapeake](http://www.facebook.com/alpca.chesapeake).

Or, contact Rick Kretschmer, region president, via e-mail at [rickkret@gmail.com](mailto:rickkret@gmail.com), or by phone at 919-553-7975 (home) or 919-673-7719 (cell).