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CHESAPEAKE COMMUNIQUE

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Spring Plate Meet Mechanicsville - May 21st



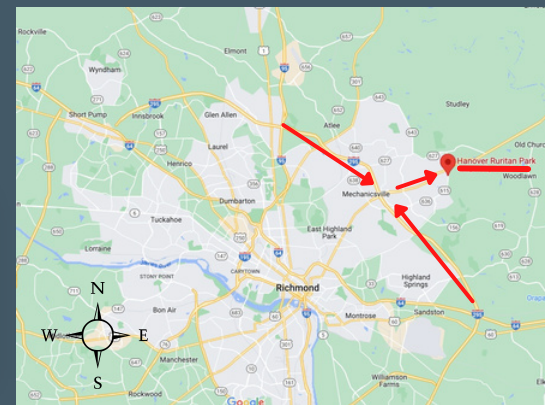
We're pleased to announce that our 2022 Spring Meet will take place on Saturday, May 21st from 8am until 2pm. We'll once again be meeting at the Hanover-Cold Harbor Ruritan Park (8145 Walnut Grove Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23111) in Hanover County northeast of Richmond. The meet will be rain or shine as the open-air pavilion is large enough to keep all of us out of the elements. There are 40 large picnic 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 outside the pavillion if desired. Thanks to the success of our 2021 auction, there'll be no charge for attendance, tables or refreshments and lunch. Elections for regional president and directors will also be held during the meet. There are no indoor restroom facilities, but porta-potties and running water are available. Refreshments and lunch will be provided this year. Detailed current info can be found at alpcachesapeake.org, or contact the meet host, Larry Haake (#12770) at heykey4@gmail.com or (804) 651-6843.



Back this year: Display Awards

Awards will be given this year for the best Virginia plates display in honor of the the ALPCA International Convention being held in the Old Dominion this July. Awards will also be given for best non-Virginia plate display, and best plate or pair.

Directions to the Meet



From Northern VA/DC/MD:

I-95 south to Exit 84A then I-295 south to Exit 37A.

From west of Richmond: I-64 East to Exit 177, then I-295 South to Exit 37A

From Hampton Roads: I-64 west to Exit 200, then I-295 North to Exit 37A

From South of Richmond: I-95 North to Exit 46, then I-295 North to Exit 37A

From all directions: After taking Exit 37A (US 360 East) drive four miles then turn right at light for Walnut Grove Road. Ruritan Park will be on the right hand side. (Look for ALPCA sign)



Be sure to check out our website: alpcachesapeake.org



Virginia General Assembly Amends Vintage License Plate Law

The Virginia General Assembly has passed legislation to amend the state law regarding vintage plates to allow a YOM plate to have a duplicate number with another license plate.



Since 2007, vintage license plates could not be used as a year-of-make plate if the number on the plate had been issued as a passenger or non-passenger plate on another vehicle. The new legislation, sponsored by Hanover County Senator Ryan McDougle, would permit the duplicate plates to be registered provided the number is on a plate produced prior to 1973 (1976 for motorcycles) for YOM purposes and the duplicate number is on a plate produced after 1973 for a regular passenger/non-passenger plate. The state estimates it will cost about \$58,000 to implement the revised license plate policy. Senate Bill 749 passed the Senate on a 38-0 vote and cleared the House of Delegates with a 99-0 vote. Once signed by the governor, the revised law will be implemented starting July 1st. When contacted about the motivation for the new law, McDougle's office replied, *"The problem that this bill seeks to address was first brought up to us this past December by a resident of Northumberland County. This gentleman was having an issue where he could not get his antique vehicle (I think from the early 20s) license plate registered despite having the original metal embossed plate. Senator McDougle then asked DMV about it and they confirmed that this change would have to be done legislatively. We have had many car enthusiasts reach out and express their support for this bill."*

Currently a vehicle may use a vintage license plate with the year of make of the vehicle up to 1973 (1976 for motorcycles) for a one time fee of \$50. DMV must inspect the plate before permitting its use.

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The Chesapeake Communiqué is currently being published quarterly: January, April, July, & October. 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!

COMING SOON

2022 ALPCA International Convention

The ALPCA international convention will be at the Hampton Roads Convention Center July 20-23. The host hotel is the Embassy Suites located at 1700 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666

