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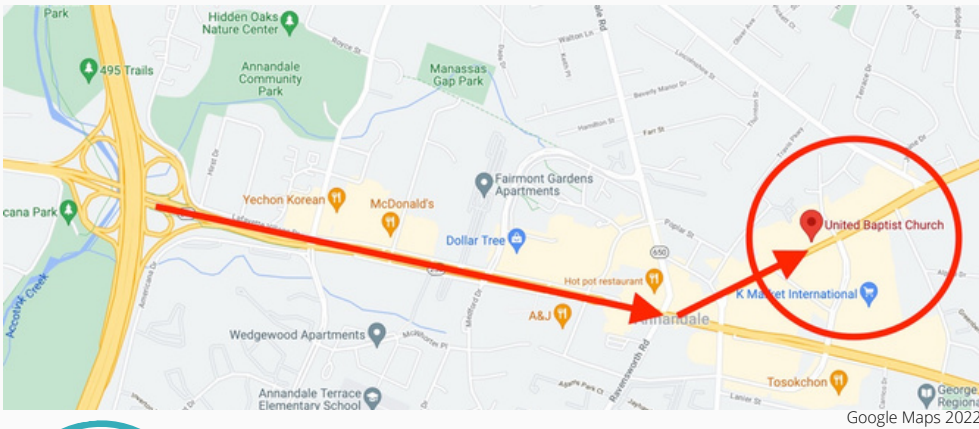
# CHESAPEAKE COMMUNIQUE

Official newsletter of the ALPCA Chesapeake Region



## Annandale Independent Meet - March 12th

The annual Spring Thaw independent plate meet is scheduled for Saturday, March 12th beginning at 8am at United Baptist Church in Annandale. (7100 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003 - just down from Exit 52B on I-495.) For more information contact Jeff Potter (#4564) at (703) 346-7200.



## Mechanicsville Meet

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022  
Hanover Ruritan Park  
8145 Walnut Grove Road  
Mechanicsville, VA 23111



We're returning to Mechanicsville for our Spring meet. More info next issue.



## "This sucker's electrical!": EV Plates of the Chesapeake Region past & present

by Craig Jeffriess (#4487)

**Editor's Note:** In the 1985 movie, "Back to the Future", Doc Brown explained that his Delorean time machine was in fact an electric vehicle when it came to the device that transported the vehicle through time stating, "This sucker's electrical!" Today, in the 21st century, Electric Vehicles have gained more interest by those in government and in the auto industry. As the desire to have people drive electric cars increases, states are issuing EV plates designed specifically for electric vehicles and/or to raise awareness about electric vehicles. Here in the Chesapeake Region electric vehicle license plates are actually nothing new. EV plates were issued by Maryland 100 years ago and Virginia has had them for nearly 30 years. Contributor Craig Jeffriess (#4487) did extensive research on EV plates in the US and excerpts of his articles that ran in the Number Plate Collectors Club (Australia) newsletters showcase some of the EV plates of the Chesapeake Region. *continued on page 2...*

## ALPCA International Convention 2022



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.





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



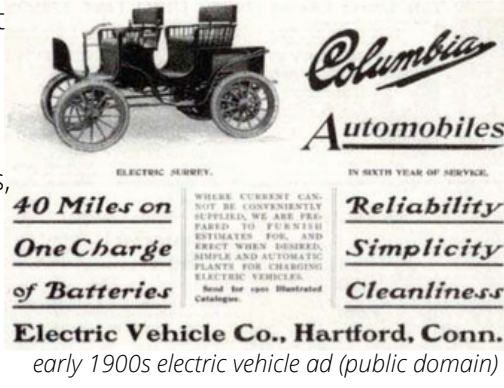
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**Maryland:** Not much is known about Maryland Electric plates. It is known that they were definitely in existence for the years 1929 to 1944, and use the standard passenger plate colours, but have an E as prefix or suffix (passenger plates were all numeral) and with numbers in this special series starting at 1-000. The possibility exists that there were E plates before 1929, but purely speculation by local collectors there and more research is needed. Note: Info Craig used for the early Maryland types shown here has come from, and is used with the permission of Rick



Kretschmer (#9652). *below: examples of Maryland's EV plates from the 1930s (ALPCA Archives)*



**Virginia:** The plate used for Electric Vehicles in Virginia is the Clean Special Fuel plate, and there have been three different designs since the series began in 1993, and each serve a different purpose as to the type of vehicle and HOV lane use.



*First design for Virginia's EV plate.*

The first design introduced in 1993 and issued up to June, 1996 has blue characters on a reflective white plate, with CLEAN SPECIAL FUEL at the bottom in green. At the left side of the plate is a graphic consisting of the Earth on a yellow triangle.



*Second design for Virginia's EV plate.*

The second design from July, 2006 and issued up to June, 2011 has blue characters on a reflective white plate with light blue fade, and has CLEAN SPECIAL FUEL at the bottom in black. At the right side of the plate is a graphic consisting of the Earth in a light blue triangle.

The third design introduced in July, 2011 onwards has a blue characters on a reflective white plate with light blue fade, and has CLEAN SPECIAL FUEL at the bottom in green. In the middle of the plate is a graphic consisting of the Earth on a green triangle. A sample exists of this type with FOR HIRE in red above Clean Special Fuel. Vanity plates may also be made on these bases.

*Current design for Virginia's EV plate.*

## What about Delaware & DC?

As of now neither the District nor Delaware have plates specific to electric or hybrid vehicles.



**Our friends** to the south in North Carolina are about to issue their

own electric vehicle plate. The plate will be issued upon passage of legislation in the NC General Assembly and will be available to all motorists, not just EVs

