



# 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. on August 13

The second annual Chesapeake Region Summer Plate Meet will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2011 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 very successful Summer 2010 meet. Last summer, 54 collectors attended from 12 states plus Washington, D.C.

This meet's theme is **9/11 Ten Years Later: We Will Still Never Forget!** Awards will be presented for the best military or patriotic plate display, best general plate display, and longest distance traveled.

About 50 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.

We'll hold a donation auction once again, of course. Joey Hurd from Illinois has donated a bunch of plates to our region, but we also need your generous plate donations, and bids on these plates, to get our treasury back in the black. We'll also gladly accept cash donations, if anyone is so inclined.

Refreshments and **lunch will be available** at nominal cost, so plan to stay for the whole meet.

For more details, see the *For more information* box below.

### **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.

**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 and go 3.9 miles. Then turn right onto St. Michael's Road. St. Michael's Catholic Church is 0.4 miles on your left.

**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 past Damascus. Just before the I-70 interchange and Mount Airy, turn right onto Md. Route 144 east and go 3.9 miles. Then turn right onto St. Michael's Road. St. Michael's Catholic Church is 0.4 miles on your left. ■

## Spring meet held in Chesterfield, Va.

The ALPCA Chesapeake Region's first meet this year was held on April 2, 2011 at the Chesterfield County Fairgrounds in Chesterfield, Va., just south of Richmond. In attendance were a total of 31 collectors, including Johnny Cole, who joined ALPCA at the door, and two other prospective members.

Taking home awards were Wayne Tyler for his display of 1940s Virginia city strips, Marty Mozille for his display of Pacific island plates, and Bill Schnitzker of Ashland, Ky. for the longest distance traveled. Kenny O'Dell once again performed auctioneer duties for us. Christopher Jackson provided entertainment with his game of "Guess the States" using license plates turned face-down.

This meet operated at a loss, and it caused our meager treasury to go into the red. However, we're not necessarily going to give up on holding meets in the Richmond area. The fairgrounds exhibit hall is reasonably priced and has lots of room for growth. We're going to consider this meet to be a learning experience, and we'll just go forward from here. ■

## Volunteers needed

Want to host a plate meet in your town? Are you handy with a camera or good at writing? Willing to sort auction plates or push a broom? Consider stepping up and contributing your time and talent to help make the Chesapeake Region better!

To volunteer, or for more information, see the *For more information* box, below. ■

## Save a tree, and save us 44 cents

The *Chesapeake Communiqué* is sent via both e-mail and regular mail to all ALPCA members living in our territory or who have attended our meets. Please let us know if you don't need one sent by regular mail, if you haven't previously done so. ■

### **Your 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; find us by searching for "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).