

CHESAPEAKE COMUNIQUE Official newsletter of the ALPCA Chesapeake Region COMING SOON Summer Plate Meet Mt. Airy, MD - August 20th

After a year off and a year at an outdoor venue, we're back at our traditional location in Mt. Airy, MD on Saturday, August 20th from 8am - 3pm. Free admission for all attendees! Free refreshments and lunch will **be provided.** We will not have a donation auction, but we know people enjoy auctions, so we'll provide members the opportunity to auction or dealor-no-deal their own plates and keep the proceeds like at our spring meet. In honor of the medical professionals who got us through the COVID pandemic and those loved ones who didn't survive COVID, this meet's theme will be Medical and Health related Plates. Any plate that recognizes any medical or healthcare profession or organization – doctors, nurses, public health officials, EMTs, dentists; or any organization working to cure or prevent disease, birth defects, or other health problems, is appropriate to be included in this display category. Also, we'll include handicapped motorist plates, ambulance plates, and any medical- or health-related vanity plates in this category. Awards will be presented for the best plate display corresponding to the meet's theme and the best general plate display **SPACE IS LIMITED!!!** Tables cost \$5 each; 57 8-foot tables will be available. We have run out of tables several times at this location, and have nearly run out in other years. We strongly encourage reserving the table(s) you need by paying for them well in advance. To read more about reserving tables visit our website (alpca-chesapeake.org) or contact your meet hosts Rick Kretschmer, ALPCA #9652, and Jack Hollingsworth, ALPCA #11331. For additional information, or to volunteer, contact Rick via e-mail or at 919-673-7719. Or reach Jack via e-mail or at 302-528-4698.

'21 ALPCA Best Plate awarded in Chesapeake Region



Photo: DE Div. of Motor Vehicles

ALPCA members representing the Chesapeake Region travelled to Delaware for the presentation of the 2021 best plate award. The Best Plate Award went to Delaware's "Support Pollinators" plate. The Best Plate award had several contenders from the Chesapeake Region.

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Mechanicsville Meet Recap



42 collectors and 11 guests from eight states were present for a day of plate trading and socializing. The business meeting and election was held and all the members present voted to have all current region officers continue to serve in their present positions for another two year term. This meet also marked the return of the display contest after a two-year absence. Xavier Hadjadj of Skillman, New Jersey won the Best Virginia Display Award for his display of Virginia Constitutional Officer and Political Appointee license plates. Timothy O'Connor of Sayre, Pennsylvania won the Best General Display Award for his type set display of Ukrainian license plates. Initially there were no entries for the Best Plate Award so members were invited to submit entries and the attendees

voted for the best one. The winner was Skip Stewart of Valley Lee, Maryland for his LBJ 1963 presidential limo plate. After winning his fifth Chesapeake Region display award and noting that there was only one entry for each of the display categories at this meet Tim challenged everyone to beat him in the display contest at the upcoming Mount Airy, Maryland meet. Both Tim and president Rick Kretschmer said that in order to win awards you have to enter displays. This challenge was issued to encourage others to build

displays to bring to plate meets.

by Timothy O'Conner #8123

Note: the 2023 Spring Meet will be Saturday, May 20th in Mechanicsville, Virginia (same location). Watch for more info in the coming months.







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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!

(Top) Xavier Hadjadj of Skillman, NJ won the Best Virginia Display Award for his display of Virginia Constitutional Officer and Political Appointee license plates.

(Middle) Timothy O'Connor of Sayre, PA won the Best General Display Award for his type set display of Ukrainian license plates. (Bottom) Skip Stewart of Valley Lee, Maryland won Best Single Plate Award for his LBJ 1963 presidential limo plate.