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The Car is the Star

By Peter Pandolfi

James Bond is a fictional character created by British novelist Ian Fleming in 1953. A British secret agent working for MI6 under the codename 007, Bond has been portrayed on film in twenty-seven productions by actors Sean Connery, David Niven, George Lazenby, Roger Moore, Timothy Dalton, Pierce Brosnan, and Daniel Craig. Eon Productions, which now holds the adaptation rights to all of Fleming's Bond novels, made all but two films in the film series.

In 1961, producers Albert R. Broccoli and Harry Saltzman purchased the filming rights to Fleming's novels. They founded Eon Productions and, with financial backing by United Artists, produced *Dr. No*, directed by Terence Young and featuring Con-



James Bond's 1963 Aston Martin DB5

nery as Bond. The Eon series currently has twenty-five films, with the most recent, *No Time to Die*, released in September 2021. With a combined gross of \$7.8 billion to date, it is the fifth-highest-grossing film series in nominal terms. The films have won six Academy Awards.

Throughout the series, James Bond has used many different cars, such as a Lotus Esprit that converted into a submarine, and other vehicles. The most iconic, however, has to be the Aston Martin DB5.

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The President's Page by Randy Higgins



Remember June 14 is Flag Day. Fly it with pride. It is also a certain President's 80th Birthday. No not Randy.

Greetings Bull Run Family,

In case you haven't noticed, May is gone...just like that! Many of us are at, or getting to, the age where time flies by at an exponential rate and we just can't account for it. I *know* that I've been busy this past month, but I have a hard time remembering exactly what I did.

At last month's meeting I announced that the Bull Region has been officially recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt charitable organization. It was a long, often frustrating process dealing with the IRS, but we persevered. Many thanks goes out to John Zampino for helping to navigate the process. Also at last month's meeting it was unanimously approved that verbiage be added to our by-laws to comply with IRS requirements.

Work on the Rohr Show is moving along nicely. Gene Gilkey has been out soliciting business sponsorships, John Zampino has taken on the job of ordering the trophies (I have seen the samples he ordered and they are beautiful – unlike any trophies we have ever done before) Jon Battle and Mary Loren are sending out information to previous show attendees, and Steve Deitz has the online registration set up with several registrations already. If I forgot to mention any names I apologize, but your efforts are appreciated. At the next meeting I will have a sign-up sheet to help get folks involved in securing sponsorships for the show. As you know, without sponsorships we cannot financially have a show.

A reminder that we need a volunteer to bring drinks, ice, and cups to the next pot luck meeting on June 14th which will count as your contribution to the supper. Please let me know if you are planning to volunteer so we don't end up with duplicates.

June 5th is our next First Friday and I just sent out an email with updated parking instructions. If you haven't seen the email let me know. Also in the email are reminders of some local June events.

I hope everyone has safe journeys as you're out and about visiting car shows and cruise-ins.

Randy

June Automotive Trivia Question

What was the first car fitted with an alternator, rather than a direct current dynamo?

See answer on Page 10

The Car is the Star continued

The Aston Martin DB5 is a British grand tourer (GT) produced by Aston Martin and designed by Italian coachbuilder Carrozzeria Touring Superleggera. Originally produced from 1963 to 1965, the DB5 was an evolution of the final series of DB4. The "DB" designation is from the initials of David Brown who built up the company from 1947 onwards.

The Aston Martin DB5 became widely known after special effects expert John Stears modified a DB5 for use by James Bond in the 1964 film *Goldfinger*.



Sean Connery with his famous car

There were a total of four *Goldfinger* DB5s. Two of these were used in filming and two were used only for promotional purposes. The first filming car, DP/2161/1, was fitted with gadgets. Before it appeared in *Goldfinger*, it was used in episode 2.17, "The Noble Sportsman," of *The Saint*. This car, chassis number DP/216/1, was later stripped of its weaponry and gadgetry by Aston Martin and resold. It was retrofitted by subsequent owners with non-original weaponry and later appeared in the film *The Cannonball Run* (1981), driven by Roger Moore. Chassis DP/216/1 DB5 was stolen in 1997 from its



Interior of the 1963 DB5. Note the switch panel on the center console

last owner in Florida and was reported to be still missing in 2021.

The second filming car was used for driving scenes and had no gadgets. After filming, gadgets were added and the car was used for promotion. It featured the



Gadget car with tire shredders extended bumpers and Machine guns under the headlights

pop-out gun barrels behind the front indicators, the bullet shield behind the rear window and a three-way revolving front number plate showing "LU 6789" or "4711-EA-62" or "BMT 216A." In 2010, RM Auctions sold this car for \$4.6 million to Harry Yeaggy. The first publicity car was acquired by the Louwman Museum in The Hague. The second publicity car was auctioned by RM Sotheby's in Au-



"Shields Up" bulletproof shield

gust 2019 for \$6.4 million to an unknown buyer. These two cars were displayed at the 1964 New York World's Fair to promote the film. Sales of the DB5 increased after it was described as "the most famous car in the world".

After *Goldfinger*, the Aston Martin DB5 became closely associated with the James Bond franchise. The same car was used again in the next film,

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Editor's Notes by Peter W. Pandolfi:

Your Hobby, Your Newsletter, Your Stories

This newsletter contains some information generated by AI. AI means Actual Intelligence. I welcome any contribution members would like to submit. Especially desired are articles on National meets and tours you might attend. Email is the best way to submit items, but if the files are large, downloading to a CD/DVD or thumb drive is perfectly fine. I will even take them hardcopy if necessary. Submission deadline and contact information is below. Please use MS Word if at all possible. Thanks in advance for all your support.

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The deadline for submissions for inclusion in the next issue is the 25th of the month. 🇺🇸

June Anniversaries

None

| | |
|--------------------|---------|
| Mary Beth Borsetti | June 10 |
| Davida Luehrs | June 23 |
| Sally Batchelder | June 28 |
| Cecilia Healy | June 29 |

June Birthdays

Note: Your birthday or anniversary not listed? Please let me know the date(s) by email. Spouses as well. Years are not necessary since we are all 29 at heart. Thanks, Pete 🇺🇸



Member News

BRR Activities: Tell me which is more fun; looking at your charcoal grill on your deck or patio or using your charcoal grill for a delicious meal? Our antique and classic vehicles are the same albeit probably nicer to look at. The fun in our hobby is getting out in our cars and sharing them with the general public. Older adults reminisce about them, young adults dream of having one and children delight and learn about an exciting time in our history. This Region used to host several local tours and activities doing just that. In more recent years, we lost the drive. Let's get it back! These were simple, one-day events in the northern

Virginia area visiting points of interest that are all around us. Ever been to Luray Caverns or Udvar-Hazy Center? There are numerous stately homes and buildings from revolutionary and Civil War eras. All it takes is someone to step up and organize the event. Don't trust that someone else will do it. Be the one to come forward. It takes little time and the rewards are well worth it.

Award Winner: Congratulation to the Bull Run Region First Lady, Liz Higgins. She won the Best of Show award at the 2026 Lindsay Volkswagen show in Manassas on May 3 with her 1964 VW Beetle. This show, once called the Bug Out, has been going on for many years and is the signature event for Volkswagen owners in the area. Also attending from the BRR was Randy Higgins and Sam Aylesworth. Here are a few pictures from the event.



Liz with her award, the truth about VW engine efficiency, Randy and Sam with their cars, Yes that is a real dog next to the invisible dog on the leash.

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Meeting Minutes

by *Pete Pandolfi, Secretary*

The monthly meeting of the Bull Run Region was held on May 17, 2026 at the Manassas VFW Hall at 4 pm. 18 members were present.

1. Randy opened the meeting by leading the members in a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday to Dave Claveloux whose birthday is today.
2. Treasurer's Report was read and accepted by unanimous vote. Motion by John Price; second by Mary Loren.
3. President's Report: Randy noted that our potluck dinner meetings, members were great at bringing food but rarely provided drinks. He suggested that members sign up to provide drinks instead of food. If someone is interested in bringing drinks to the June potluck meeting, contact Pete Pandolfi. **Note: Volunteers needed for September and December meetings.** The annual National Convention will be held in King of Prussia, PA near Valley Forge. The Region will be at the June 5 First Friday event in Manassas. All are welcome. Send Randy an email if you plan to attend.
4. Secretary Report: Pete asked Charles "Spike" Hosey to come up. Pete presented him with his certificate for the Vietnam Memorial pin. Pete presented Spike with his pin at the April meeting. Pete presented Spike with a 50 year memorial pin for the end of the Vietnam War. Pete then told the members that he has several, new American flags for anyone to take.
5. Rohr Show: Steve Deitz reported we now have 11 pre-registered vehicles for the Rohr Show. Pete Pandolfi stated that the goal for this year's show is 200 vehicles, a milestone that the Region has never reached. Pete said that the Ault Award poster and the First Show posters have been finalized and will be sent to the printers. He also said that he has provided show information to the Rolls-Royce Owners' Club inviting them to participate. All members who belong to other car clubs should do the same. Randy stated he had flyers available at this meeting for members to take and hand out. He thanked Ernie Newland for printing the flyers in color at no extra charge. Randy stated that thanks to an anonymous donation, the award trophies will be upgraded this year to reflect the significance of the 50th show. John Zampino Sr. volunteered to handle the award procurement.
6. ODMA: Franklin Gage reported that the recent ODMA Car Meet was a success with 57 vehicles .
7. Old Business: Randy announced that our application to become a 501(c)(3) charity was approved by the IRS. To meet their requirements a change to our by-laws is needed. Randy presented the added section to our by-laws that was discussed in the last meeting. Ernie Newland made a motion to accept the change as written, seconded by Steve Dietz. The motion passed by unanimous vote. This action only added text to the by-laws. None of the existing provisions were changed.
8. New Business: Randy said that the drive-in movie theater in Stephens City, VA has been renovated and renamed the Route 11 Drive-in. He suggested that the club get together later this year and take in a movie. Next Randy said he would like to see the Region become more active and conduct some local tours throughout the year. As always, we need individual members to arrange and manage the tour. He announced that the 2027 picnic meeting will be held at Mark Olsen's house. Mark has a large collection of construction vehicles, fire apparatus and classic cars to see. Lastly, Randy asked if there was any interest in participating in local parades such as the Veteran's Day parade and St. Patrick's Day parade in Manassas in addition to the annual Christmas Parade. Pete announced that there were three car shows coming up, the Salem VFD show in Salem, VA on May 23; the Reva VFD show in Culpeper, VA and the Fredericksburg show in Fredericksburg, VA both on June 6.
9. Special Presentation: Randy gave a presentation on using Facebook to search for information related to antique cars and shows. He emphasized the ease of use and security of the system. He would like to see more BRR members using our Facebook page.
10. Sally Batchelder won the 50/50 drawing.
11. The meeting adjourned at 5:26 pm



The Parking Lot

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The Car is the Star continued

Thunderball, a year later. The DB5 is considered to be the quintessential vehicle associated with the Bond character and it has reappeared in subsequent Bond films.

A different DB5 was used in the 1995 Bond film *GoldenEye*, in which the car was Bond's personal vehicle and had no gadgets - although it did come equipped with a champagne cooler in the arm rest and a fax machine. Three different DB5s were used for filming. This same car briefly reappeared in the next film, *Tomorrow Never Dies* (1997). It was set to make a cameo appearance in the Scotland scenes in *The World Is Not Enough* (1999), but most of these scenes were cut in the final edit. Another DB5 appeared in *Casino Royale* (2006), this time owned by



The Aston Martin DB5 in all its British splendor

the villain, Alex Dimitrios. This car had Bahamian number plates and left-hand drive where the previous British versions had been right-hand drive. In the film, Bond wins the car from Dimitrios after beating him in a card game.

The *Goldeneye* DB5 was put on display at the London Film Museum in Covent Garden. Of the three cars used in the production, one car, DB5/2187/R, was filmed for the static ocean-side shot. A second car, DB5/1885/R, was driven in the chase scene against a Ferrari in Monte Carlo. This car was sold at a Christie's auction in 2001 and entered the Guinness Book of Records that year after receiving the highest price paid for an item of Bond memorabilia. It appeared in the Bond exhibition at Beaulieu before moving to a new home in the London Film Museum. The third car, chassis number DB5/1484/R, was retained by the movie production company, Eon Productions, and appeared in later Bond movies.

Another silver-birch DB5 was used in the 23rd James Bond film, *Skyfall*, which coincided with the 50th an-

niversary of the release of the first Bond film, *Dr. No*, in 1962. The car is destroyed in the film's climactic finale, although a highly detailed 1/3rd scale model was constructed for the destruction scenes. Two cars were used during filming: DB5/1484/R (first seen in *GoldenEye*) and a second car, DB5/2007/R. It is seen again in *Spectre* (2015), firstly in Q's underground workshop in various stages of rebuild, and at the film's ending, fully rebuilt, with Bond driving it away.

In 2019, Aston Martin confirmed that the car would be featured in the next Bond film, *No Time to Die*, to be released in October 2021. The plan was to build replicas and not use existing vehicles. Eight replica DB5 stunt cars were built for the movie. The DB5 seen in a high-speed chase at the start of the film was sold for £2.92 million at a charity auction in London in 2022.

The Aston Martin DB5 Specifications are as follows:



DB5 powerful inline 6 cylinder engine

Engine: 4.0 L inline-six
Fuel feed: 3 SU carburetors
Power: 282 bhp at 5,500 rpm
5 speed manual or 3 speed automatic transmission
Weight: 3,311 lb
Top speed: 145 mph
0–60 mph acceleration: 8 seconds.
Length 179.9 inches
Width 66.1 inches
Wheelbase 98.0 inches



What's In a Name

By Peter W. Pandolfi

This article presents a badge or logo and provides a brief explanation of the item. The information in this article was derived from open internet sources and Simon Heptinstall's book "Car Marques", 2018 by QUARTO Publishing.

The history of the GMC logo is a fascinating journey that reflects the evolution of General Motors Truck Company (GMC). From its humble beginnings to its current iconic status, the logo has undergone many transformations, each of which has meant a change in the brand's values and heritage. The first GMC emblem was produced in the early 20th century. The design of the logo was simple, with the letters "GMC" in the circular badge. The logo symbolizes the company's commitment to producing reliable and durable trucks and vehicles, embodying the brand's industrial and practical nature.



In the early 1960s, GMC introduced a new logo that represented a shift toward a more modern and stylized design. The logo features bold "GMC" lettering on a red background, reflecting the brand's strength and innovation. It became an iconic symbol of the era's company's commitment to quality and performance.



1937 GMC T-14

As the automotive industry continues to evolve, so does the GMC logo. In recent years, the GMC logo has taken on a more minimalist and sophisticated

look, reflecting the brand's modern design approach. The current logo features a stylish silver-and-black color scheme and modern font, symbolizing GMC's commitment to innovation and refinement. Throughout its history, the GMC logo has symbolized the brand's core values of quality, strength and innovation. It has become an iconic representation of the company's commitment to producing reliable and capable vehicles for consumers around the world.



1958 GMC Fleetside

To understand the evolution of GMC logos, consider the following key points:

- **Early Years (1911):** The original GMC logo featured a simple, bold font with "GMC" prominently displayed.
- **1920s Redesign:** The logo was updated to include a more stylized font and a circular emblem, emphasizing the brand's growing identity.
- **1950s Modernization:** A more streamlined logo was introduced, reflecting the post-war design trends and a focus on modernity.
- **1970s Shift:** The logo adopted a more angular design, aligning with the automotive industry's shift towards a sportier aesthetic.
- **1990s Update:** The logo was simplified to a bold, block-letter design, enhancing visibility and brand recognition.
- **Current Logo (2000s):** The modern GMC logo features a chrome finish with a three-dimensional effect, symbolizing strength and durability.



1970 GMC 1500

1979 GMC 1500

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The National Beat

By Peter W. Pandolfi

The following article entitled *“When YOU Come to a Crossroads...”* was written by Phillip Cole, AACA Executive Vice President. It was originally published in the Spring 2026 Rummage Box.

In the Spring of 2000, I attended a communications workshop for nonprofit groups, churches and civic clubs in Nashville, Tennessee. The main topic of this workshop was “Life in the 21 st Century”. Looking at the list of speakers, I couldn’t help but notice that one speaker had given his session a different topic, “Survival in the 21 st Century”. I made a point of arriving early for his session, because his topic had really caught my eye. He began with a surprising prediction, “Over the next twenty-five years, one out of every four nonprofit groups will cease to exist!”

Sadly, in my own community I have witnessed the truth in this gentleman’s prediction:

Churches have closed their doors; civic groups have ceased to meet; and, community projects are no longer supported. And yes, we have seen a slowing of loss in AACA membership which has been overcome.... But that’s not the end of the story.

Now, entering the second quarter of the 21 st century, as members of AACA we find ourselves at a crossroad. Are we going to continue to just survive or are we going to flourish and move forward? I would ask that we all follow these three aims to help us move forward:


Reaffirm our Mission: The mission statement of AACA clearly states that we strive to be “America’s Premier Resource for the Collectible Vehicle Community.” Our mission statement should be the core value of who we are and where we are going.

Embrace Change: Coming to a crossroad means we may have to make some daunting decisions. But if we want to flourish and move forward, we must be willing to embrace change and encourage growth.

Be Supportive of AACA: Moving forward and overcoming road blocks that confront us are always best achieved through supportive community. We should all be supportive at the local level through our regions and chapters and at the national level through our national events. And yes, the best way to form and grow our supportive community is to encourage others to join us.

One of my favorite poets is Robert Frost. I recently discovered a concise but powerful quote where Frost gave advice about facing a crossroad: “The only what

out is through...”

As we seek to flourish and move forward in the coming days and years as members of AACA, let’s buckle up and drive straight through. 

What’s in a Name continued

In 2021, the illuminated GMC logo badge appears prominently on the vehicle’s front grille, highlighting the brand identity of the car you drive and subverting traditional visual expressions. If you’re proud of your vehicle’s brand, you can show it with an LED grille badge. This is particularly attractive to car enthusiasts who want to show brand loyalty or give their vehicle a unique look.



1991 GMC Suburban 1500 SLE



2024 GMC Sierra Denali

Overall, the history of the GMC logo is a testament to the brand’s evolution and enduring legacy. From its early development to its current modern design, the logo has been a powerful symbol of GMC’s commitment to excellence and innovation in the automotive industry.

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Member News continued

Rohr Show 2026: Steve Deitz reports that we have 16 pre-registered vehicles, which is very good for May. Randy has flyers available, so let's get out there and spread the word. Father's Day car shows are fast approaching. If you go to one, be sure to hand out our show flyers. If you are a member of other car clubs, bring flyers to the next meeting or get it published in their newsletter. We are aiming for 200 vehicles this year, a feat we have never attained. Finally, don't forget to register yourself. We have just 5 pre-registered cars as of this date. Come join the fun!

Manassas First Friday Events: The next First Friday celebration is June 5 for the Bull Run Region. This venue is an excellent opportunity for the Region to recruit new members, stimulate interest in the classic car hobby and advertise the September car show. Oh, did I forget to mention that it is a lot of fun as well? We will also attend the August and September First Friday events.



What's In a Name continued

GMC made big trucks too!



2026 Bull Run Events Calendar

National events are in blue text.

- Jun 5 – First Friday, Manassas, VA
- Jun 6—Fredericksburg Show, Fredericksburg, VA
- Jun 11-13—SE Fall Nationals, Oak Ridge, TN**
- Jun 14 – Monthly Business Meeting, VFW Hall (Potluck)
- Jun 15-19 – Sentimental Tour, Mechanicsburg, PA**
- Jun 21 – Father’s Day Show, Sully & Warrenton, VA
- Jul 12 – Monthly Business Meeting, VFW Hall
- Aug 5-8—SE Divisional Tour, Henderson, NC**
- Aug 7 – First Friday, Manassas, VA
- Aug 9 – Monthly Business Meeting, Sessler’s (Picnic Meeting)
- Aug 19 – Annual Grand Nationals/Zenith Awards, Allentown, PA**
- Sep 4 – First Friday, Manassas, VA
- Sep 9-14 – Founders Tour (1932-2001), Williamsburg, VA**
- Sep 13 – Monthly Business Meeting, VFW Hall (Show Prep) (Potluck)
- Sep 19 – Edgar Rohr Mem Car Meet, Manassas, VA
- Sep 20-26– Glidden Tour (Pre 1943), Dover, DE**
- Oct 6-9 – Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA**
- Oct 11 – Monthly Business Meeting, VFW Hall (Car Show Review)
- Nov 6 – First Friday, Manassas, VA
- Nov 8 – Monthly Business Meeting, VFW Hall
- Dec 5 – Manassas Christmas Parade
- Dec 13 – Monthly Business Meeting, VFW Hall (Cookie Exchange & Officer Elections for 2027) (Potluck)



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| 2026 Refreshment List | | |
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| Month | Snacks | Drinks |
| June | Potluck Dinner | Price |
| July | John Price | |
| August PICNIC | Bill & Kathryn Sessler | |
| September | Potluck Dinner | |
| October | Scott Patton | |
| November | Batchelder | Stakenborg |
| December | Potluck Dinner & Christmas Cookie Ex- change | |

Pete’s Pearls:

If a bottle of poison reaches its expiration date, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?

June Trivia Question Answer:

The 1960 Plymouth Valiant



Phillip Pandolfi
Owner/Operator

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thebbqlabva.com





Register for the Meet by Mail

Please make checks payable to: HFRAACA and print and mail form & check to:

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Or contact Peter Pandolfi for show flyer, listing activities and classes., or registration form.



A portion of show entry proceeds will be donated to Fisher House



2025 Arthur Ault Award winner
1973 AMC Javelin AMX
Owned by Steve Deitz

Rain or Shine
Saturday, September 19, 2026



8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

(registration closes at 11:00 AM)

Location: Historic Manassas Rail Depot

9431 West St. Manassas, VA 20110

Free Spectator Admission & Parking * Free Trailer Parking * Dash Plaques * Trophies * DJ Chrome Dome * Door Prizes * 50/50 * Vendors * Model T Ford Demonstration * Nearby Food Festival & Restaurants

Three ways to register for your convenience:



Pre- Register online by
September 17th - \$20.00
(click QR code)

Pre- Register via mail \$20.00
(must be received by September 17th)
fill out form below

The first 150 pre-registrations will receive
a limited-edition town hall print.

Register Day of Show \$25.00

Visit our website for complete details, rules, and award categories BullRun.AACA.com or click this QR code

General Information: Randy Higgins 703-853-2235 or rfh24@yahoo.com



NOTE: ALL show vehicles MUST enter on Prince William Street from Grant Ave. and proceed to check-in per Manassas City Police for safety and entry control. No exceptions.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

E-mail _____

Vehicle #1 Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Color _____

Vehicle #2 Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Color _____

Car Corral X _____ cars @ \$30.00 each (no for sale signs allowed unless registered in the Car Corral) Not eligible for awards.

Flea Market Vendor X _____ spaces @ \$35.00 each (10'X15')

Pre-registration fees are non-refundable unless the show is cancelled by Bull Run Region

Mail registration form with payment to: Steve Deitz 8183 Hillcrest Dr. Manassas, VA 20111

Make Checks Payable to "Bull Run Region AACA"

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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