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# REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



## Holiday Spirit and Reflections

With each fall edition of the *News of MARanello* we find ourselves looking ahead to the holidays and my favorite, Thanksgiving! It's about spending time with each other and appreciating the bounty of life. This issue of the magazine is similar in that we can reflect on some of the amazing adventures we have had over the past year. We get to appreciate the bountiful friendships we have and relive the experiences we shared as a community. I am thankful to have so many active members who participate and step up to make our events exceptional. I want to thank each of you for your support and participation, without which this club would not be successful.

As I write this I am also reflecting on my time and the opportunity I have had leading this fantastic organization for the last four years. Being my second consecutive term I am ineligible from continuing as Regional Director, so I will soon hand the baton off to our next leader. I do so with great pride, our club is in great standing with an active member base, exciting events, and wonderful ties to the community. As I look forward to our last event of 2024 I am excited about our annual holiday party. Always a great opportunity for us to enjoy our time together and raise money for charity.

As we look forward to 2025 the future for FCA-MAR remains bright! We have a fantastic schedule of events planned and a thriving community that will make it the best year yet.

**Forza Ferrari!**

*Frank Privitera*  
FCA-MAR Regional Director

*A warm welcome to the following new members:*

**Bahman Adeli, Potomac, MD**  
**Ade Adeosun, Chantilly, VA**  
**Rob Allen, Leesburg, VA**  
**Brittany B, Pikesville, MD**  
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**Andrew Kowalevicz, Alexandria, VA**  
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FRONT COVER: Ferrari 458 at Green Bank Radio Observatory during Gran Turismo D'Appalachia. Photo by Randy Stone.

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## Provisional 2025 FCA-MAR Event Calendar

### February

- Enzo Ferrari Birthday Party

### March

- Club Visit to Udvar-Hazy Museum
- Spring New Member Event / Rally
- Back of the Dragon Tour (overnight event)

### April

- VIR Full Course Track Event (Southeast Region)
- Spring Thaw and Club Picnic
- Spring Autocross
- Virginia Historic Tour
- Treasured Motorcar Spring Open House (sponsor event)

### May

- Blue Ridge Rally
- Watkins Glen Track Event (Empire State Region)
- Old Town Alexandria Festival of Speed and Style (partner event)
- Pennsylvania Concorso Ferrari (Penn-Jersey Region)

### June

- Rally Events (Maryland and VA)
- Canadian Grand Prix Montreal Trip
- Richmond Collector Car Show and Swap Meet (partner event)
- Ferrari Challenge Indianapolis (Central States Region)
- Spring Karting

### July

- Mid-Ohio Track Event (Central States Region)
- Pocono Track Event (Empire State Region)
- Club visit to Simeone Museum

### August

- Gran Turismo d'Appalachia
- Fredericksburg Rally

### September

- Gran Premio D'Italia Viewing Party
- FCA Annual Meet, Charlotte, NC
- Fall Karting
- Fall New Member Event and Rally
- St. Michael's Concourse (partner event)

### October

- Treasured Motorcar Fall Open House (sponsor event)
- Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show (partner event)
- Fall Autocross
- Fall Rally / Leaf Tour Events

### November

- Endless Summer Beach Cruise (overnight event)

### December

- Holiday Party



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# Celebrating 50 Years of FCA Membership

By Andy Edwards

In 1973, the third year into our marriage, Gordon said he would like to join the Ferrari Club. Mind you, we didn't even own a Ferrari at the time. However, that didn't stop us. We joined the club and attended our first Nationals in 1977 at Watkins Glen, NY. We reside in Portsmouth, VA, near Norfolk and Virginia Beach, and we have our membership with the Mid-Atlantic region. This year we received the 50-year pin. Ok, I have to say it - "where has time gone?"

There are way too many memories with the Club. Even though we live anywhere from 4 to 5 hours away from events offered by MAR, in the early years, we didn't want to miss a thing.

Attending car events at Summit Point Raceway in the 70's was a blast. We met so many great people with whom we still stay in touch. We had so many fabulous times without a Ferrari and then finally with a proper car. I think it was in the early 80's we finally restored our first Ferrari, a 1964 330 2+2. Through work, Gordon met Kyle Fleming and Kyle talked him into buying the 2+2. It was very affordable because it needed a major restoration and we had our son, Taylor, so this car was perfect for us. It was not a track car so I knew eventually...

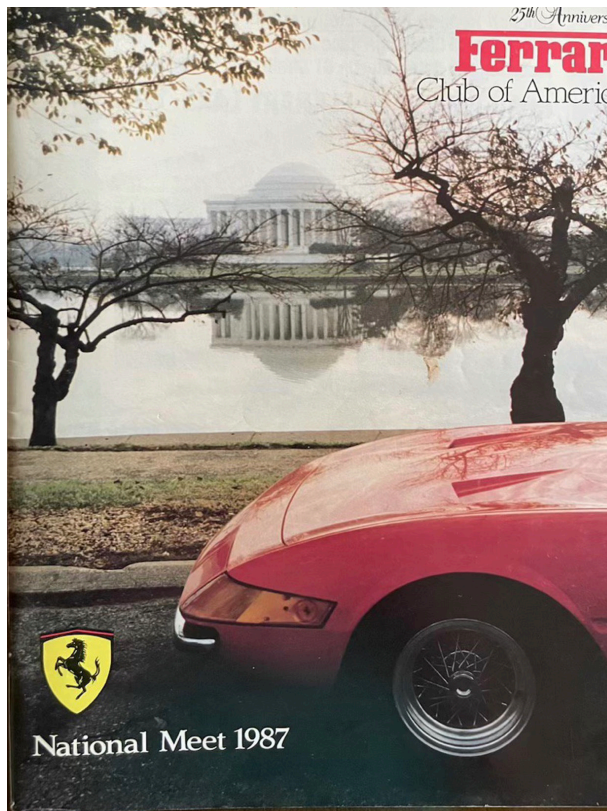
In 1987 the Mid-Atlantic Region (MAR) hosted the 25th Anniversary for the Ferrari Club of America Nationals. There were lots of meetings held during the year prior to the event. Gordon and I were fortunate to participate in several as we wanted to be part of this celebration. The attention to every detail was considered by each committee: Registration, Chris & Pat Current; Concours, Bill and



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ANDY EDWARDS

Top: Taylor, Andy and Gordon Edwards with 1964 330 2+2

Bottom: 1987 National Meet program and brochure



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Working on into Spring....

Rena Johnson; Track, Steve and Judy White; Flea Market/Swap Meet, Warren Granek; Rally, Bill Barrett; and Other, Sam Smith. What a fabulous group! What I have to write next will really blow your mind.

The "Hero Package" included one car, Thursday welcoming party, Friday concours and rally, Friday lunch and dinner, two days track time, Saturday night banquet and a souvenir kit all for \$185. The event was a huge success.

We were attending one of Albert Turner's or Ron Spangler's events in Maryland in the 80's when we met Brian and Kathy Johnson. It was an instant friendship. Gordon was interested in old cars and so was Brian. Kathy had a fond relationship with cars. She drove their Ferrari and even purchased her own Lamborghini. She didn't hesitate to drive on the track. She encouraged me to drive our Ferrari which I did eventually. We became really good friends over the years and we still keep in touch with Brian. They introduced us to so many people in MAR: Austin, Barrett, Blackwood, Born, Cantera, Cantile, Carte, Current, Ebert, Hamilton, Johnson (W&R), Leyden, Marriott, Merritt, Meyer, Pegasus, Ripley, Rippey, Rosa, Sauntry, Smith, Spangler, True, Tyler, Turner, White, just to name a few. I'm sure I have forgotten some but I know these people were consistent in supporting MAR during that time.

In the photo below are our friends Brian and Kathy Johnson. Wish I could remember where this picture was taken. I know it was a MAR event. They moved to Florida after they sold their 1961 SWB. She was a supporter of all of Brian's endeavors: racing his mustang, vintage racing, and restoring Porche tractors. Unfortunately, Kathy passed away several years ago. We miss her.



*Above: The Edwards' MAR friends, Brian and Kathy Johnson, enjoying an FCA-MAR event*

*Below: The elegant 1958 Ferrari Ellena, lovingly restored and owned by the Edwards for forty-one years*

Gordon found a 1958 Ellena that was in Birmingham, AL. We borrowed a truck and trailer and Gordon, our son Taylor, and I, headed to Alabama. Taylor was five years old and I wondered how I was going to entertain him for all those hours. I taught him how to tie his shoes. That went well.

We got to Alabama and the car was basically in boxes and baskets. I never thought we would be going home without the car. We had driven too far. It took us years to restore it and finally in 1998 the Ellena made its debut at Road Atlanta. Not too many people are familiar with the Ellena but it is the sister to the Boano. The Boano has a low roof and the Ellena has a high roof. There were less than fifty made. We had that car for 41 years and we finally said goodbye and purchased a track car.

Most of the time we trailered our old Ferraris - many a time borrowing a trailer - because if the old car broke down, 1) old parts were not easy to come by, and 2) both of us had jobs to come back to on Monday. Fortunately for us, Brian wanted a new trailer so we bought his old trailer. A 1983 Wells Cargo



with no hydraulic lift. It was the second or third trailer Wells Cargo built. We still have it and use it for storage. We had to find another means to transport since the Wells Cargo rusted out. The best part, for me, was having the trailer at the track as it offered protection from the elements (sun, rain, hail and snow). Believe me over the years we experienced it all at Summit Point.

Betty Ebert was a remarkable artist. She designed many MAR Annual Meet covers, pins, patches and she painted lots of different Ferraris on canvas. At Christmas we always received a card that she had painted with a Ferrari on the front. So talented. Some time in the late 80's or early 90's we bought a 1973 Dino coupe. Bill and Betty had a Dino spyder. That was a bond we shared.

Bill Ebert and Betty had a huge roll in making the Region's activities very active. They were constantly coming up with new ideas for track and social events. Bill served as President of the Region for many years in the 90's.

When our son was in High School I told him if he made Honor Roll he could take the Dino to prom. Don't you know he did! Disappointedly, he had a fender bender in my Suburban the day of prom so Gordon said "Sorry son" and put the Dino in the garage.

Taylor ended up taking his date in a 4-Runner. But wait... the next year he was still dating the same girl and she was graduating from High School. He drove her to her Prom in the Dino, but, under the stipulation we were going to meet them at 11:00pm and exchange cars.



Gordon finally got his track car three years ago. It's a 2009 430 Scud. What an amazing car. Air conditioning, radio (we have yet to turn it on), power windows, and starts when you push the button every time.

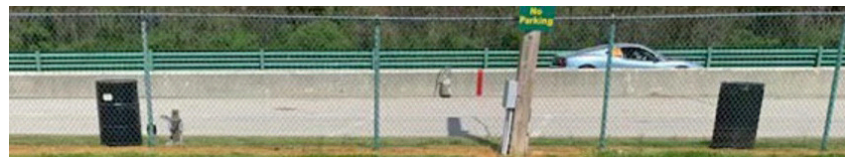
These 50+ years with the Club definitely opened up our world. How fortunate we have been to meet wonderful people, experience different race tracks, and visit some amazing places.

*Andy Edwards*

*Top, right: Betty Ebert (wearing hat) and Andy Edwards aboard the trailer used to transport their 'old' Ferraris*

*Above: The 1973 Dino Coupe driven by son, Taylor, to his then girlfriend's prom*

*Right: Gordon Edwards finally gets his proper track car, a brutal 2009 Ferrari 430 Scuderia*





# Bill Ebert, in Memoriam

By Sam Smith

With great sadness the Mid-Atlantic Region, Ferrari Club of America, reports the peaceful passing Saturday, September 7th, of a dear friend and club member, Colonel William "Bill" Ebert, US Air Force, Retired. Bill, a New Jersey native, graduated from one of the early USAF Academy Classes. He was a pilot flying jets and spotter aircraft during the Vietnam War. Bill and his wife, Betty, traveled to postings all over the world.

As Bill grew up, along with his interest in aviation, he loved fast cars. And, when the opportunity presented itself, Bill and Betty added not only beautiful daughter, Laura, but a lovely red 246GTS Dino Spyder.

I met Bill and Betty when they came to Virginia in the mid 1980's. I think they were FCA members before coming to the D.C. area. Early on, they both volunteered to get involved with club events. That worked out perfectly when our Region was tasked with putting on the 1987 FCA Annual Meet. Bill and Betty became members of the 'Steve and Judy White kitchen table event organizers'.

Bill took over coordinating hotel arrangements. Betty used her considerable artistic talents to create the event logo, poster and signage and staffed registration tables. They were a big part of the overwhelmingly successful '87 Annual Meet.

Bill & Betty also contributed greatly to the successful 1991 FCA Annual Meet. Later on, they provided support for the 1997, 2006 and 2014 MAR-hosted FCA Annual Meets. Bill was our Regional Director twice, first in 1992 and again in the early 2000's. Bill served a term as FCA Vice President but made it clear he did not want to succeed to FCA President. Bill joined the cadre of International Advisory Council for Preservation of Ferrari Automobiles concours judges at FCA Annuals and the Cavallino Classic shows.

Bill and Betty's work for the Region included organizing overnight ride and drives in Virginia and West Virginia, 'The Virginia Grands'. They created the Mid-Atlantic Region's special annual award, 'The Good Times Award', given to the couple or individual that participated in and helped with the most events each year.

Bill and Betty participated in our Summit Point track events and car shows with their Dino and later with a 330GT 2+2. Ultimately, they added a bright yellow 550 Maranello. Bill and Betty's daughter, Laura, took an active place in our region hosting the annual "Spring Thaw" gatherings at various friendly Northern Virginia eateries.

I will finish by saying Bill was very easy to like. A good man with patience and a kind heart. I will miss his easy smile and gentle humor. Rest in peace Bill.



*Sam Smith*

PHOTO OF BILL, BETTY AND LAURA EBERT COURTESY OF FRANK PRIVITERA



# 2024 MAR Picnic

by Kay Baird

On a warm Saturday in July, my husband George and I donned our name tags (don't leave home without 'em), fired up the California, and headed to the FCA-MAR Summer Picnic and Pool Party.

This annual event, graciously hosted by Christopher Reiter and sponsored by innovative furniture designer Kenneth Cobonpue (kennethcobonpue.com), was a triple treat. First was a rally through the Northern Virginia countryside. After a meet up at Ferrari of Washington, we spent the morning on a spirited drive across the beautiful hillsides of Loudoun, Fauquier, and Fairfax counties. Indeed, our spirits – and to some extent, our speeds – were high, when whoa, whoa, whoa, we were stopped by the gendarmes. No worries though, they weren't after us. They were warning us the road ahead was closed, and we needed a new plan. As our 40-plus FCA cars arrived from all directions, we rendezvoused in a nearby parking area. After a pause to check on everybody and find a new route, we followed our fearless leader, Eric Tich, down a puddle-pocked cow path. A route we would never have taken otherwise turned into its own adventure, highlighting the flexibility of our performance vehicles.

Everyone made it to Christopher's house and passed through the FCA-MAR victory arch. There we had our second treat – a meadow full of exotic flowers: Ferraris, McLarens, and



PHOTO ABOVE BY KEVIN LINDE, OPPOSITE PAGE BY KEVIN LINDE AND PAT TRANSUE

Lamborghinis (oh, my). The colors were spectacular - deep teal, vibrant blue, shimmering silver and, well, mostly red. We were treated to heirloom varieties like Jude's 1973 Ferrari 365 GT4 Berlinetta Boxer, fresh blooms like John and Michelle's new 296 GTS, and everything in between. Each brought its own beauty and history.

Our final treat was the picnic itself. It featured cold drinks and delicious food enjoyed with Ferrari friends old and new. It was a great time for catching up, sharing stories, of course talking about cars! Not to mention a chance to sit in a Star Wars TIE fighter, an innovative chair design by Kenneth Cobonpue. A special thanks to Christopher and the FCA-MAR events team for getting us together and keeping us cool.

*Kay Baird*

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# Niki Lang, *Revving Up the Real Estate Market*

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# Gran Turismo d'Appalachia

by Ken Battle, Empire State Region



PHOTO BY RANDY STONE

In early August the FCA's Mid-Atlantic Region ran its annual West Virginia Appalachian rally. Now named the Gran Turismo d'Appalachia, this event has been running for more than 15 years. I have run the last three events in a row as well as one about 15 years ago. In recent years this event has been expertly organized by the extremely detail-oriented Eric and Amy Tich. It is hugely popular, resulting in a sellout each year.

With a tropical storm, Debby, heading right for Washington on August 8, participants met at the start location, Ferrari of Washington (FoW). Due to the threat of Debby, some folks decided to forego the start and head right to our overnight location, Snowshoe Resort, and a few joined us but decided not to drive their Ferrari. FoW laid out a great choice of breakfast options with seating in the middle of many gorgeous cars in the showroom.

As the group left FoW in a caravan it was raining quite hard. It would have been a more picturesque route through northern Virginia if the weather was nicer. But, by the time we got to our first comfort/fuel stop the rain had stopped. We enthusiastically headed out after our break, enjoying the country roads, until

we got to section of low-lying road that was washed out by the overnight and morning rain! We scrambled to identify alternate routes, hoping we would not run into more road closures. Fortunately, we all made it to the lunch stop at Gennaro's (Italian) Restaurant in Moorefield, WV. They fed us well and sent us on our way.

Our next destination was the Snowshoe Resort. The route got more picturesque as we got into the mountains of West Virginia. Driving got challenging as we kept pace on these twisty mountain roads and gained experience driving our cars! The final hour of the drive consisted of continuous stretches of seemingly endless twisties including short straights where we could unleash our cars on very well-maintained roads.

The Snowshoe Resort had a parallel weekend event to our rally, the West Virginia Hillfest. Hillfest is a USAC-sanctioned hill

*Above: Cheerful gang expressing their enthusiasm for the rally organized by Eric Tich at the Big Spruce Overlook*

*Below, left: Thanks to FoW for another generous rally send-off!*

*Below: Hungry MAR critters at Gennaro's Restaurant*

PHOTO BY ERIC TICH



PHOTO BY PAT TRANSUE



climb. Because of Hillfest, the village of Snowshoe was full of motorsports enthusiasts and cars of all types prepped for the hill climb. We stayed at the resort three nights, with dinners on site. One of the two main roads to the top of Snowshoe was closed for 3 days as it was used for the hill climb.

The FCA-MAR was invited to kick-start the hill climb Saturday morning with a 'parade lap' up the mountain. That morning we woke to very foggy conditions at the top of the resort but the fog mostly cleared as we went down the hill to the start line. We did our parade lap run up the hill climb course paced by one of the hill expert climb participants in his "drift" car

After the parade lap, we were on our own to explore the area or watch the hill climb runs. Eric proposed a few locations including an interesting distillery or Spruce Rock. We chose Spruce Knob, the highest point in WV. Most of the route was similar to our rally route with fast, twisty sections! The last 7 miles of the climb was on a narrow two-lane road which meant careful passing of oncoming tourists. We had lunch at the base of the Knob.

Sunday morning was our longest route and probably the best driving roads! We had a photo 'op' after a short drive to Big Spruce Overlook. We then headed to our lunch stop at Hawk's Nest State Park. Lunch was tasty and there was a great view from the main lodge. After lunch it was a short drive to Canyon Rim Visitor's Center. There were options depending on how adventurous you were for walking or driving. We took the easiest walk to the Canyon Rim Boardwalk.

We then headed back to Snowshoe on our own, taking quite a relaxing pace. When Eric and a couple of other cars appeared in our rear-view mirror, I picked up the pace to get us back to the resort a bit quicker. Dinner was a sit-down al fresco. Awards were given and a raffle earned over \$1,500 for the club's charity.

Monday morning was quite special for the "techies" in the group. After passing a security clearance prior to the event, we had a private tour of the Green Bank Observatory, with the largest fully steerable radio telescope in the world. The tour included visiting two vintage control rooms of older "dishes", a walk around the outside of the BIG one and, after lunch, a visit to the control room for all the operational telescopes.

After the Green Bank Observatory, we all headed in different directions towards home. We came the furthest, from the Finger Lakes in Upstate NY, and for about a third of the way home enjoyed similar spectacular roads before getting to Interstates.

## *Ken Battle*

*Below: Ken and Jeanette Battle enjoying dinner at Snowshoe  
Bottom: The MAR gang at Green Bank Observatory*

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# Gran Turismo d'Appalachia - The Hillfest

by Mike Tepley



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There was an exciting twist to this year's Gran Turismo d'Appalachia. Eric Tich planned our annual West Virginia weekend trip to Snowshoe Resort, a weekend which just so happened to coincide with "West Virginia Hillfest". Hillfest is an event for all types of modified vehicles to compete in time trials up the curvy Snowshoe Mountain road, closed off to the public for the weekend. The actual competition portion of Hillfest was hosted by Chaos Motorsports, based out of VA near Summit Point. Eric did a great job integrating our trip with Hillfest (which seemed more than happy to showcase their event by including our Ferraris). This included what was a highlight for me, a Ferrari Club parade lap up the mountain.

PHOTO BY SONJA TEPLEY

We really had no idea what to expect, just that our club would do a parade lap up the course to kickoff the event. Matt Passos even had his "parade wave" at the ready. We staged our cars at the start point early in the morning. A.K. Whatley from Chaos would pace us up the closed road course in his heavily modified "Spec 5 RTR-D" baby-blue Mustang called "Loki" with 750 hp at the wheels and specifically set up for drifting.

*Above: A.K. Whatley leads the MAR Ferraris at the Hillfest start. QR Code allows you to ride with Mike for 27 seconds! Below, left: View from Sonja and Mike Tepley's F430 Below: Mike relaxes after his full-drifting experience with A.K.*

PHOTO BY RANDY STONE



Behind A.K. were Ted and Shireen Cahall in their 458, then Sonja and I in our F430 Spider (top down naturally). Despite calling it a parade lap, we hoped for a pretty aggressive pace. A.K. characterized the pace he'd set as "spirited, but certainly not a race pace". I had no idea what "spirited" meant to him, after all, we were in Ferraris! "We'll see", I thought. We were lined up, just waiting for the course to go hot.

When the light finally turned green, it was like A.K. shot his Mustang out of a cannon! Holy Moly! The lightning-fast start caught both Ted and me a little off guard; this was not going to be a "parade lap"! Smashing the accelerator to the floor, we caught up to A.K. winding through the mountain road. Immediately two things occurred to me, the closed road meant no opposing traffic - Woo Hoo!- and two, Bud and Carol Moeller were behind me - if nothing else, *do not slow them down!*

The road course itself was incredible with a lot of turns and a few unexpected hairpins. Even in Sport mode my rear end kicked out a couple times. We had really ripped through the first couple of turns when I saw a veil of burning-rubber smoke... A.K. was drifting through the hairpins! An unexpected surprise as we accelerated out of the turns punching a hole in his smoke. Lots of winding back and forth and in a blink of an eye, the finish line. Already!? For both Sonja and me, one of our most exhilarating drives in the Ferrari, even if it lasted less than 2 minutes. Turns out our spirited parade lap wouldn't have won any medals but was a respectable time for the competitive hillclimb.

As a bonus, I was able to swing a ride-along with A.K. on the same course in his Mustang later that morning. He gave me the full drifting experience; going up the hill mostly sideways as he broke the rear loose going into each turn and drifted the car. What an amazing event overall. The drive and ride-along added an unexpected thrill I'll never forget. Thanks, Eric!

*Mike Tepley*



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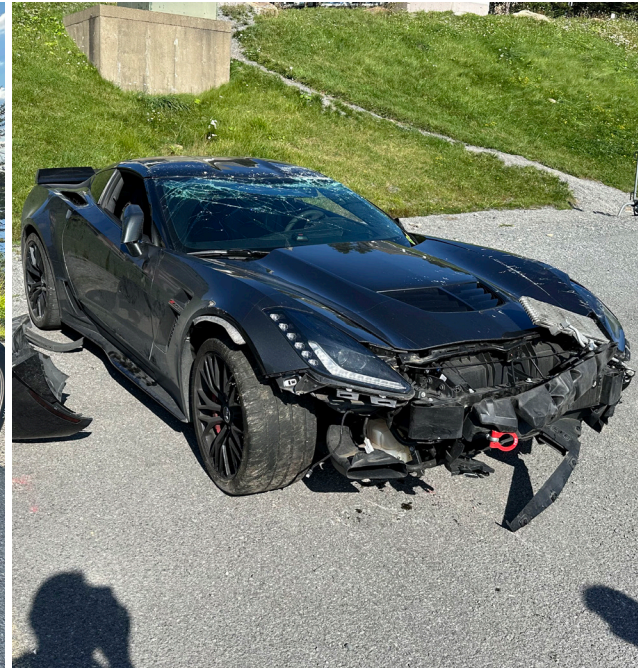


*Top: FCA-MAR Ferraris ready for 'parade lap'  
Above: Eric Tich panicking, looking to escape the crowded Bus  
Below, left: Randy Stone all smiles after a Hillfest run  
Below: Result of ill-fated (non-FCA-MAR) run up the mountain*

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# Gran Turismo d'Appalachia - Our Ferrari Family

by Amie Hickey



This was our 5th West Virginia drive. (Damn Covid and Len's broken leg! Could have been our 7th!) This event is about the love of driving & the twisty turns in WV. Initially it started out with Zahir and Sab as event organizers, then the torch was passed to Eric and Amy Tich.

Kudos to both couples for going above and beyond! I have found it to be so much more. It is not only about the awesome driving opportunities, but about the wonderful people that attend! Old friends leave and are greatly missed, and new friends appear - we've all become a second family for each other! We had three Amys and now have four! (Although the other three spell their name wrong - the correct spelling is "Amie"!). Many Mikes and Johns, but each person, old and new is a cog in our 'Ferrari family'. Each and every one of us is unique and we fit together like a Jenga puzzle!

Always awesome to get together, the old and the new! And hopefully I don't scare our new friends away!

My Ferrari family is filled with love, laughter, compassion and everlasting friendship.

I could never ask for more! Here's to many more WV trips with my PICKED family! Can't wait to be with you all again next year! Happy and safe driving until then!



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*Amie Hickey*



# Gran Turismo d'Appalachia - exhilarating!

by Julie Kwon Evans

When the invitation to attend the 2024 Gran Turismo d'Appalachia arrived, I knew it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Describing my first Ferrari Club experience: an exhilarating and iconic sensation!

I packed my carry-on suitcase with sweaters and casual clothes to prepare for Snowshoe Mountain Ski Resort in West Virginia. Thunderstorms were heading toward the District of Columbia and West Virginia from tropical storm Debby. Beginning with a sense of danger, this exciting adventure would confirm I made the right decision to attend.

At 7:07 am, I received a text that my ride had arrived. I walked down to the first floor of the parking garage. Stepping out of the elevator, I immediately laid eyes on the bright red Ferrari, its engine revving and my adrenaline kicking in.

We arrived at the kickoff breakfast at Ferrari of Washington. I was eager to observe the people and personalities of those attracted to the Ferrari Club. With a well-thought-out breakfast buffet and a coffee stand, we sat at the orange-clothed table surrounded by the colors of the rainbow. Amy and Phil Waterbury sat next to us. Eric Tich, Events Coordinator for FCA Mid-Atlantic, described the next three-day itinerary: Snowshoe Hillside Climb, Scenic Drives, and the Green Bank Observatory.

As we approached the highway to West Virginia, the speed of the Ferrari soared, gliding on the asphalt and my adrenaline spiked to match the engine's speed. As the vehicle climbed the hill at Snowshoe Mountain Ski Resort, the tires gripped the curves, and while we sped up, I could hear the engine roar. Our adventure had just begun.

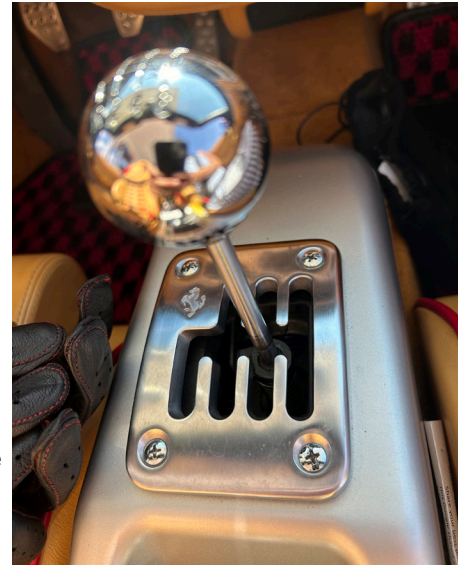
The following morning the mountain air smelled like fresh pine trees while the sun struggled to shine through thick fog blanketing the top of the mountain. The Club met in the parking lot at 7 am. With the hill climb 'parade lap' up the mountain about to begin, I had no idea what to expect. I reviewed the itinerary. Club owners wiped down their vehicles while we lined up at the start line. In our group there were over 20 sportscars, not only Ferraris, but Corvette, McLaren, Aston Martin, and Maserati models. As I knew we were next, my anticipation rose, and within seconds we accelerated, navigating the serpentine roads with sharp turns to the right and left until reaching the top of the mountain. I turned with a smile and I screamed, "that was it? - let's do this again!"

The second day, the adrenaline rush was still intense. Amie Hickey, who drove the McLaren 600LT, greeted me with a smile asking if I was driving today. A few of the women approached me, encouraging me to drive. Sab stated she did not want the responsibility of driving that fast and my stomach sank.

I decided it was a definite yes, and then I was asked if I wanted the top down or up. I didn't hesitate to request the top down, nor did I ask where we were driving. I started the engine and gripped the leather steering wheel, my adrenaline at an all-time high. I gripped the shifter and hit the gas. The thrill of the speed of this vehicle was all the rush that was needed. I stepped on the gas and shifted into third, fourth, fifth, and sixth gear. The shifting felt like silk, and my entire body was in a state of euphoria. My breath quivered as we stopped and I stepped outside the car to the most beautiful outlook in West Virginia.



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Matt and Amy, driving a grey Ferrari California-T, approached me and immediately asked me with excitement how the drive went. I have no idea how I looked, but my adrenaline was so high. Matt asked if I wanted to drive his vehicle next! Gail and Krisna assured me it was going to be enjoyable and I said, absolutely! What an experience to drive two Ferraris in one day.

I stepped into my first Ferrari Club Rally without expectations. It was my first experience in Ferraris, my first steps in West Virginia, and an adrenaline rush that was euphoric.

*Julie Kwon Evans*

*Top: Julie behind wheel of 360 Spider  
Left: Gorgeous West Virginia scenery*

# FCA-MAR Members are Generous

by Dan Smith

During our larger club events the organizers incorporate giving back to the community as part of the activities. Our members have shown their generosity with the following donations made in 2023 and 2024!

\$1,175.00 to Jill's House from the 2023 Montreal Event

\$3,000.00 to Jill's House, from 2022 Holiday Party

\$2,518.61 to Maui Food Bank from 2023 WVA Event

\$3,482.36 to Maui Food Bank from 2023 Holiday Party

\$1,000.00 to World Food Kitchen from 2024 Enzo Birthday Party

\$1,540.00 to Vehicles for Change from 2024 WVA Event

\$780.00 to John Hopkins from 2024 Montreal Event

In addition, MAR members have donated hundreds of gifts to Toys-For-Tots.

Thanks everyone for over \$13,000 in donations to these worthy charity organizations!

*Dan Smith*

FCA-MAR Club Treasurer



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# FCA-MAR Fall New Member Welcome Rally

by Pat Transue



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On a gorgeous, sunny, September Sunday we welcomed our newest members with an incredible breakfast at FoW, a scenic drive through the Virginia countryside, and lunch at Lost Barrel Brewery in Middleburg, VA.

Approximately forty-five members driving thirty cars departed Ferrari of Washington after some introductory words from our Regional Director, Frank Privitera, and our MAR events coordinators Eric Tich and Mike Tepley. The route was superb and included long stretches of tree-lined 'twisties' through northern Virginia horse country.

Arriving at Lost Barrel Brewery we were greeted by staff and directed to a reserved building adjacent to the brewery. Good food, drinks and lively conversation followed. We look forward to the 2025 Spring New Member Rally and encourage all of our members to attend this welcoming event!

*Pat Transue*

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# Endless Summer, Rehoboth Beach, DE

by Jay Bradley



"Regret is unprofessional", M said to Raul Silva as he calmly sat in a cell after being brought in by 007. That's one of the most memorable quotes for me from one of my favorite movies, Skyfall. However, the Endless Summer Rally and its meticulously coordinated logistics proved that regret had no inspiration here.

The day began at 8:00 in the morning when my co-pilot and fellow petrolhead, Rob, and I arrived at a fuel station just around 10 minutes outside of Washington, DC. We arrived just a few minutes early, topped off the tank and then listened for the overrun of one or more 4.3 liter, naturally-aspirated V8 engines. I was just seconds away from grabbing a coffee from inside when auditory reward arrived. We could hear the cars... but where were they? We looked around and saw that the only traffic was stopped at a traffic signal slightly off in the distance. Then it dawned on us. They are stopped at the light but the cars are so low to the ground, they were obscured by the lane barrier! When the light turned green, the convoy roared to life and into the station... a fellow F430 Spider, a jet black F430 Berlinetta, and behind them both was the Batmobile of the entire rally... an SF90, one of the most powerful production Ferraris on the planet. After greetings and brief conversation we set off for the main meeting spot, a Royal Farms (with a WaWa) where the rest of us met and then began our journey.

We simply could not have ordered better weather for driving. The air was crisp, the sun out, and plenty of blue sky above for a picturesque scene of colorful prancing horses. The engines were happy and so were the tires.

I've never driven across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge myself. It's always been in the back seat of my Dad's car as a kid when I always had something "better" to do than to behold both the

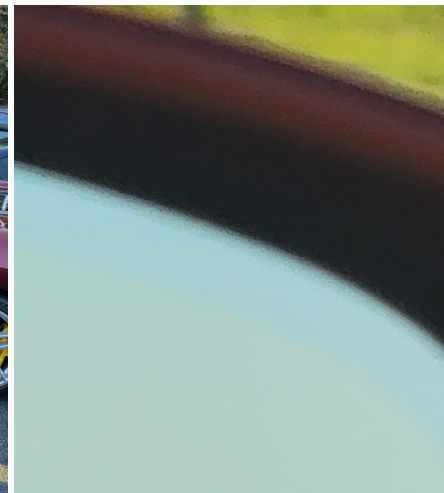
engineering marvel that is the Bay Bridge and the absolutely breathtaking views.

After making a final fuel stop, we pressed on into the state of Maryland via the back-country roads, which for a city boy like me, was akin to being a kid given a free pass at Toys R Us (dating myself here). Here we encountered wonderful landscapes with wide open road and tarmac. There were also several spots where we came to a 4-way stop, which opened the door for a treat to the ears. We were 5th from the front and together we all contributed to the Ferrari of America Original Sountrack. Sounds of Capristo, Fabspeed and Tubi emanated into the air as we pulled off from the stop signs which brought a wide Cheshire Cat-like grin to my face. I was 8 years old from that point, until we finally arrived at the lunch spot, a fantastic restaurant right off the water in Selbyville, DE, named Catch 54.

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With a backdrop of the water and our prancing horses, we enjoyed lunch, photos, conversation, and camaraderie before heading into Rehoboth, a town I have never visited before and as a result, I felt like I was on a proper holiday. The boardwalk, shops, restaurants, and beach gave me the relaxed vibe I desperately needed, even though I had no idea I needed it. Rob and I enjoyed a drink on the balcony of a local restaurant overlooking the boardwalk and beach before heading to Blackwell Hitch for dinner, which for me consisted only of some truffle fries and a serving of the top-ten tomato bisque soup I have ever eaten, due to the huge success of lunch at Catch 54. After dinner, tasty cocktails and then subsequent karaoke, the evening came to a successful conclusion. Getting to sleep would not be a challenge at all.

We got an early start to fuel up on food and coffee for the drive back home, but the drive home took a temporary back seat to an idea a trio of us had. We decided to swap cars for a short drive and I was fortunate enough to find myself behind the wheel of a 599 GTB. Long live Ferrari V12 cars! Never before have I driven a car so comfortable that has such savage power delivery if the driver so chooses to indulge. It took only 3 minutes for me to fall madly in love and reconfirm the addiction to the most powerful brand on the planet. Before heading back home, a few of us stopped at the Puma store to load up on Ferrari apparel and then we braved the holiday weekend traffic home.

"Regret is unprofessional". What a brilliantly delivered quote that was from M. However, it holds new meaning



for me now, for my regret is not joining the Ferrari Club at least 5 years prior to when I actually did. I have never met such a large group of friendly, passionate, dedicated and ambitious people before. We are a diverse lot from all walks of life and that is one of the many things that makes us such an amazingly cohesive group. Whether the events be racing, karting, rallying, autocross, meet-and-greets or even holiday parties, I always end the day feeling considerably more rewarded than I had ever imagined.

Color me unprofessional.

*Jay Bradley*

# FCA-MAR Fall Autocross

by Steve Lefferts



PHOTOS BY ERIC TICH



This past October 6th brought a great time at the semiannual FCA-MAR Autocross Test and Tune! Alongside the bevy of beautiful Ferraris were a variety of other makes and I had my 2009 Lotus Elise SC (photo below) on hand.

The 75 participants found the course layout to be very technical this time...challenging, but really rewarding once we all started figuring out its tricks. This is always a must-do event due to the nature of how well it is managed and how many 'runs' you can enjoy.

The course design changes but is always excellent and it provides for great camaraderie with club friends and guests. Our club autocrosses are one event where we invite non-club members to join us. My daughter Catherine had the chance to sample rides from just about everybody, as did several of the younger attendees. It was a great chance to expose them to the passion and joy of high performance automobiles.

*Steve Lefferts*



*Above: Club members enjoying a sunny, warm day at Summit Point*

*Left: Scan QR Code to watch Jay Buffington's autocross video*



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# Southern MD Rally and Mexico GP Viewing Party

by Matheus Passos



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As a Ferrari owner, car enthusiast, and frequent club participant, it's amazing how routine being in and around supercars can become. Once in a while, however, an event comes along that just "wows" unconditionally, brings me back to reality, and makes me realize just how lucky I am to have the unique opportunity to be around these great machines and amazing people. This event did just that.

The day started with an early morning rally, with crisp, clear, and bright weather. Being near the front of the pack, the drive was rather "safely spirited," passing through what was clearly a very carefully crafted route reflected in its excellent road quality, beautiful scenery, and light traffic. Having participated in almost every club rally this year, I believe this to be the largest, and perhaps best, one so far.

As someone who loves to drive, the rally is typically my favorite part of any club event, but this time the best was yet to come. Arriving at the Greers' incredible home, we were greeted by a large crowd, the colorful FCA arch, and a car museum disguised as a garage. Ferrari of Washington provided two distinct catered meals, one for the pre-race social, and one for the actual race, including a whole pig and Mexican food specifically for the Mexico Grand Prix. Impressive doesn't begin to describe it!

The Greers' love and passion for people and motorsport were on display everywhere, from the meticulously maintained classic and supercars on exhibition, to the fascinating memorabilia on the walls, and the 27-foot screen on which we watched the race. By generously opening their home to such a large crowd, the Greers allowed me to catch up with some great FCA members I had not seen in a long time. Lastly, an open bar and a the Ferrari Mexico Grand Prix victory were both just cherries on top.

Great driving, amazing food, and the most unique and impressive car garage – this was the event not to miss. Should FCA-MAR hold this event again, I will be the first to sign up.

*Matheus Passos*



*Above: Ricky Greer (center) with club's Matt Passos and Amy Creech in the Greers' amazing garage*

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*Below: Our gracious hosts, FCA-MAR members Tabitha, Ricky and Sheila Greer*





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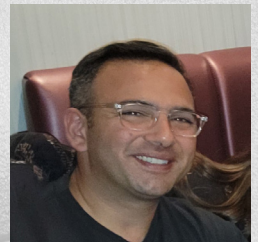


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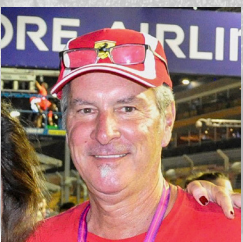


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