

## Make Your Lights so Bright Ya Gotta Wear Shades

**VAFA January Meeting**  
By Bob Carlson

**Removing Scratches from Tail Light Lenses**  
By Mark Girard

For our anniversary meeting, it was decided that we'd meet at "The Grate Steak" in Norfolk.



Even though the Grate Steak has the one of a kind "cook your own" program where you pick out a steak and cook it yourself over a live charcoal indoor grill, everyone decided that, when it came to a dinner out, it was best to leave the driving to the experts. So, we all let the restaurant grill team prepare our dinners. The bonus was that gave us more time to get reacquainted, compare projects and in general shoot the breeze. We had a good showing (see January Meeting on page 3)

Ever wish that your tail light lenses were not scratched? I know how expensive and hard to find the tail light lenses for our precious Fieros are. I recently bought a GT tail light lens off of eBay only to find out when I got it that it had several scratches on it. I was disappointed. Ok, so I got over it and proceeded to make it show quality. How did I do it? Here's how.



1. First, I took 1500 grit wet/dry sand paper (readily available from your auto parts store) and with a little water began to lightly to wet sand the scratches. I worked in a circular pattern a small section at a time. I did this until the scratches were gone and blended into the plastic. Your lenses will be hazed and you will probably freak out. But don't worry, this is normal.

2. Then I took medium cut Turtle Wax (or if you feel brave, heavy cut) rubbing compound and worked in the same circular manner with a micro fine cloth. You will probably need to do this two or three times to bring it back close to the original factory shine. If you still have fine circular swirl marks, more rubbing compound and more elbow grease.

3. The next step is to thoroughly clean the comp-  
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pound from the lens after the swirl marks are gone.



Make sure to dry the lenses well. Still not satisfied with the finish? I wasn't either. So I took the next and final step.

4. The last step required is to take a plastic polish. I used "Maguire's Plastx" plastic polish applied



with another clean micro fine cloth and more elbow grease. Go at it again. Remember to once more work in circular fashion. Doing this two or three times will restore the fine, glossy finish, like factory. And voila...like new.



Don't be fooled though, if you have a real deep scratch you may not be able to get rid of it all together. However, if you can't afford new lenses

(or can't find them) this will greatly improve the looks of your lenses.

### **VPCCC Monthly Meeting By Bob Carlson**

There was no representative at the car club council meeting in the month of January. VAFA has joined the Car Club Council of Hampton Roads and Rob and I will be attending the CCCHR meetings whenever we can since it is closer. VAFA NEEDS a volunteer to attend the monthly VPCCC meeting on the peninsula. Please let us know if you can help out.

### **CCCHR Monthly Meeting By Bob Carlson**

Bob Carlson attended the Car Club Council of Hampton Roads meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup> to present the VAFA application and membership fee. The guest speaker was Mr. Larry Printz, from the Virginian Pilot. The new club officers were sworn in and the By-Laws were accepted without change. All member clubs were asked to appoint a representative to CCCHR and have the appointee attend meetings to report to us their activities, and to report to their respective club the activities of CCCHR. The club decided to use a volunteer list for supplying display vehicles for large events to prevent the same vehicles being put on display every time.

The club reported on the community support it recently provided in conjunction with other support groups to a local family who needed help due to a serious illness in the family. The council then outlined upcoming events.

Apr 19	VA Chevy Lovers	Smithfield
May 02	SEVMC'S Spring All-Makes Show	
	Pembroke Mall	Va. Beach
May 17	Knuckle Heads	Va. Beach
May 25	Memorial Day Parade	Portsmouth
Aug 01	Chesapeake City Park	Chesapeake
Aug 15	Khedive Shriners Show	Chesapeake
Sep 26	SE Street Rods Lone Star Lodge	
		Suffolk
Oct 03	Fall Festival	Franklin
Dec 06	Joy Fund KnuckleHeads	Va. Beach

Every club is asked to have a charity in mind when sponsoring shows and a request for ideas to improve attendance during meetings.

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of members this month from as far away as Morehead City, NC, and even some wives joined the fun. Thanks to all for taking the time to participate!

After the general hubbub had subsided, but before the food arrived, we got down to business. The President welcomed everyone for attending and talked about the status of the club (meetings, membership and dues). If you've been reading VAFA Visions and attending the meetings over the past year, then you've seen that we've shuffled the meeting times and locations around, but found that it had no effect on member attendance. So, we're going to keep it the same for now. There will be a club meeting and an event every month that may, or may not, be on the same day. Read the newsletter, visit the website or maybe even attend a meeting to find out more. The dues for this year were set at \$5.00 (WHAT A BARGAIN!) and everyone was asked to pay as soon as possible. Dues may be paid in person, or mailed to the club address at: 2133 Upton Drive, Suite 126 - Box 204, Virginia Beach, VA 23454. Make checks/MO out to: Jim Albright. The Treasurer made his report and we discussed the idea of becoming a not-for-profit organization. The cost is pretty steep, but the consensus was that it would probably be worth the effort, so the work will continue. Another progress report is due at the next meeting. We made tentative plans for the next several meetings that includes a tech session in February, in-door carting in March, a cruise in April and a Cruiz-In in May. See if you can join the fun.

VAFA has also received invitations to a couple of car shows. Mark Girard invited VAFA members to the Colonial Capital Rods & Classics



[www.colonialcapitalrodsandclassics.com](http://www.colonialcapitalrodsandclassics.com) show in New Burn, NC on March 28, 2009. Rob Jensen also mentioned that the local GTO Club



[www.757goat.org](http://www.757goat.org) wants to partner with VAFA to

put on a local show. But to do that we need YOUR help.

Once the meeting and dinner were done, it was time for the door prizes. Winners were decided by the luck of the draw. But, there was something for everyone on the table. In fact, everyone walked away with not only a hand picked hand tool, but also any one of the Hot Wheels cars that were put out. All-in-all, everyone had a FANTASTIC time and like all VAFA members, walked away a winner. Don't miss our next exciting episode...a tech session at the Fiero Corral. SEE YOU THERE!!

## VPCCC Happenings

Here are the upcoming local shows for the first three months of the year. Details are available on the VPCCC website ([www.vpccc.org](http://www.vpccc.org)).

**02/13/2009** - Asphalt Angels Indoor Car Show at the "The Showplace Exhibition Center" 3000 Mechanicsville Turnpike, Richmond, Va. 23223. Ticket prices: Adults \$10.00, ages 6 - 12 \$5.00, 5 and Under Free. Fri. 3-11, Sat. 10-11, Sun. 10-6.

See the website [www.asphaltangels.net](http://www.asphaltangels.net)

**03/07/2009** - Tidewater Region Antique Auto Club Annual Flea market at the Chesapeake Ruitan Club, 2752 Battlefield Blvd., Chesapeake, VA. Auto related items ONLY. Open to the public 8:00-3:00. See website [www.AACA.org/tidewater](http://www.AACA.org/tidewater), for details.

**03/14/2009** - First Flight Cruisers Shamrock Show The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Shamrock Show on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Open to all makes and models of cars trucks and motorcycles.

**03/21/2009** - Peoples Choice Corvette & Classic Car Show, hosted by: The Eastern Carolina Corvette Club and presented By: Don Bulluck Chevrolet/Cadillac 1920 Wesleyan Blvd., Rocky Mount NC 27804 (just off I-95). Open 9:00-12:00 Awards presentation @ 3:00. All makes all models.

**03/28/2009** - York High School Falcons Car Show The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual York HS Falcons Car Show at York HS, 9300 George Washington Memorial Highway. (Rt.17), Yorktown, from 10AM-3PM

**03/28/2009** - Colonial Capital Rods & Classics' 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Shine and Show at the River Bend Plantation in Riverbend Township located off US 17, 4 Miles South of New Bern, NC. Division between 1983 and older & 1984 and newer. Dash Plaques to first 100 entries. See website

[www.colonialcapitalrodsandclassics.com](http://www.colonialcapitalrodsandclassics.com)

**The President's Corner**  
**By Rob Jensen**

Hey gang, well here is another monthly message and I have to say we are off to a great start this year. We have a lot of great things planned, so make sure to stick around. Thanks to everyone who helped make the January meeting a big success, especially to Bob Carlson who went all out getting the door prizes for everyone. Thanks Bob! Let's see, so this month we have a tech session at Bob's house. Next month we are going to try to meet at "American Indoor Carting". Coming up, we have a few meetings that will be co-arranged around car shows, and were looking at meeting up at Jenroe's in April or May. Please stay tuned for a complete schedule. We will go over each of the next few months when we meet up at Bobs. I also have set up an appointment with the owner of "Outlaws Rod's and Customs" <http://www.outlawsrc.com/> who is a Fiero owner. Asa is his name, and he has a bunch of Fieros. He recently completed a V8 swap. I plan to set up something at his shop one Saturday as a meeting for the club, stay tuned for more on that. Finally, I will soon be adding a new Fiero to the club. I know, I know, I should fix the one I have before I get a new one, trust me you can't say anything that my wife has not said over the last few weeks. I have heard it all. I purchased a 1984 SE Convertible, yea a Convert. It's in rough shape and needs a lot of work, but it looks like it will be a fun project. As for the 88 coupe, I should have my custom chip back from Ryan at sinister performance <http://www.gmtuners.com/> soon. Once its back, I should have no more engine issues and have it up and running real soon. Please cross your fingers.

Well Gang, I hope you stick around this year, we have a lot of great things planed, and we need your help. See you at the tech session.

- Rob

**VAFA Visions**  
**by Bob Carlson**

The February VAFA meeting will be a Tech Session. at 1:00 pm on February 21, 2009 at the "Fiero Corral" at my place. The address is: 2408 Lillipond Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23456. There is a map on the last page of the newsletter. We will be dismantling something from my '88 parts car to show everyone how it's done. DON'T MISS IT! Remember, VAFA NEEDS YOU! Please pay your dues. They are only \$5.00 this year.

**The Virginia Peninsula Car Club Council**



VPCCC meetings take place at 7:00pm on the third Thursday of the month (except December) at the following locations:

Olivet Christian Church  
14425 Old Courthouse Way  
Newport News, VA 23608

For More information visit the [VPCCC website](#).

**The Car Club Council of Hampton Roads**



CCCHR meetings take place on the last Tuesday of every month (except January) at the following location:

Priority Chevrolet  
1495 South Military Highway  
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Please park behind the building and enter through the parts department door. For all you guys driving lowered vehicles, beware that the parking lot is full of speed bumps.

For more in formation visit the [CCCHR website](#).

- 1: Start on I-64/HAMPTON ROADS BELTWAY
- 2: Take the INDIAN RIVER RD EAST exit (EXIT 286A if coming from I-64W)  
(EXIT 286B if coming from I-64E)
- 3: Merge onto INDIAN RIVER RD. 1.6 mi
- 4: Turn SLIGHT LEFT onto FERRELL PKWY. 2.4 mi
- 5: Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto ramp. 0.4 mi
- 6: Merge onto PRINCESS ANNE RD/VA-165 S. 5.0 mi
- 7: Turn LEFT onto PRINCESS ANNE RD/VA-149 E. 2.1 mi
- 8: Turn LEFT onto HUCKLEBERRY TRL. 0.9 mi
- 9: Turn LEFT onto LILLIPOND LN. 0.1 mi
- 10: End at 2408 Lillipond Ln Virginia Beach, VA 23456

