

Fire Museum Car Show

By Bob Johannessen

The Fire Museum of Maryland Antique Car Show on July 8th was one of the best in recent years. We had a good turnout of 24 cars and excellent spectator traffic generated by the museum's and our club's publicity efforts. Of course, the mild July weather helped too.

Dan Banks brought his 1933 Datsun fire engine and memorabilia collection,

(pictured on the right) >>

which was exhibited at the entrance to the museum. This little jewel is an interesting contrast to the American made pumpers and ladder trucks from the same era displayed inside the museum.



There were several unusual cars shown. John Gambo's 1961 black and white Nash Metropolitan convertible, with a matching hound's tooth interior, was a Miss America Pageant 50th Anniversary parade car in September 2004 in Atlantic City, NJ. The car still has pageant door decals and is in pristine condition.

And how often do you see a 1962 Morgan roadster, a 1963 Studebaker GT Hawk, and a 1937 Cord sedan at one of our shows? Also, museum staffer Drew Ensz brought his 1973 Dodge Dart to the show. Members, guests, and spectators enjoyed looking over the cars, viewing the museum's exhibits, and just visiting and



Jennie Porter & Gary Rosecrans, 1929 Ford Model A

relaxing in the shade.

The Sponsor's Choice award went to Jennie Porter and Gary Rosecrans for their 1929 Ford Model A sedan, which had just undergone a restoration. The award was presented by Jim Derreth, the museum's officer-of-the-day. After the show, twenty Club members caravanned over to the Nautilus Diner. The Club picked up part of their dinner tabs for coming to the show with an antique car.

Members and guests participating were: Ray Adler, 1966 Corvair; Ed Allen, 1959 Buick; Andrea & Dan Banks, 1933 Datsun; Dave Benson, 1937 Cord; Larry Butcher, 1938 Lincoln; Ed Butler, 1932 Buick; Tim Canova, 1973 Chevrolet; Bud Currey, 1965 Pontiac; Royce Emerson, 1977 Cadillac; Drew Ensz, 1973 Dodge; Rick & John Gambo, 1961 Nash Metropolitan; Jerry Gordon, 1961 Cadillac; Ben Gugliuzza, 1955 Chevrolet; Lynn & John Horn, 1965 Thunderbird; Mary & Bob Johannessen; and Lois & John Krupinsky, 1940 Ford.

Also participating were: Woody Michel, 1962 Morgan; Darrell Pokorny 1970 Mercedes; John Raffensparger, 1963 Studebaker; Don Rhine, 1940 Buick; Jennie Porter & Gary Rosecrans, 1929 Ford; Ted Schneider; Jean & Bill Schmuck, 1956 Buick; Ruth & Jim Synodinos, 1947 Packard; Tommy Thompson, 1941 Chevrolet; and Margaret & Francis Werneth, 1947 Ford.



John Gambo, 1961 Nash Metropolitan Miss America car
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Jean & Bill Schmuck, 1956 Buick



Royce Emerson, 1977 Cadillac



Jim Derreth presents Sponser's Award to Gary Rosecrans & Jennie Porter



Woody Michel, 1962 Morgan



Some of our members rest at the entrance



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