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Howard County Fair Car Show Was a Smash Hit

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On a scale of one to ten, the Howard County Fair Car Show on Sunday, August 6th was, by all accounts, scored as a one. For example, the weather was excellent – a little warm, but clear and not nearly as humid as the heat wave that we had earlier in the week. Another example, we set a record for the Fair Car Show with 130 cars on the show field. And the mix of cars was interesting – ranging from a beautifully restored 1910 Ford Model T to some nice early '80s cars including a very nice 1982 Avanti II. Plus all the participants had a good time with the peer judging and we had the highest level of judging ballots ever.

Mary & Gordon Kirwin with their Brewster Green 1910 Ford Model T. The Kirwins, former Club members, joined the Chesapeake Region in 1956. Gordon was President of the Club (Director) in 1961.

When we arrived just after 8 AM to start setting up our registration tent there were cars already waiting to register. Throughout the early morning we had several clubs who caravanned to our show in small groups arriving at the entrance gate. The early registration activity was definitely very busy. Our plan to park the custom and modified cars in the center of the show field worked well in keeping classes together.

The plaque given participants featured Club member Dan Banks' 1933 Datsun Fire Engine, which also appears in the July/August issue of the AACA's *Antique Automobile* on page 38.

Thanks to all the Club's members who came out to help put on our annual car show. The entrance gate was manned by Harry Wilhelm, Al Lawson, and Ed Allen. The parking guides were Tom Kenney, Bud Currey, and Paul Habicht. Registration was staffed by Larry Butcher, Tom Young, and Jerry Gordon. Judging results were compiled by Larry Butcher, Ed Allen, Al Lawson, Tom Kenney, and Tom Young.



Thelma & Dave Johnson with their 1956 Ford Thunderbird. The Johnsons are the newest members of the Club. This Thunderbird is a mostly original car that Thelma insisted Dave buy for their retirement toy.

At this year's show, the breakdown of marques was: GM 63, Ford 44, Mopar 15, Independent 4, and Foreign 4. Most of the vehicles, 77, were from the '50s and '60s. Only 21 were from the '70s and '80s, and 32 were pre-WWII. This is a good representation of the mix of vehicles that are being driven to local shows where you have classes for antique, custom, and modified cars and trucks.

Howard County Fair Car Show – continued

By noon most of the participants had entered the Fair to look over the exhibits, grab some lunch, and maybe take a Ferris wheel ride. The Fair's annual parade of antique farm equipment, vehicles from the Howard County Living Farm Heritage Museum, floats, and marching bands began about 1 PM.

About 3:30 PM we began to announce the trophy winners $(1^{st}, 2^{nd}, \text{ and } 3^{rd})$ in the 14 car show classes. The list of winners appears on page 3.



The 19 Club members who showed their cars were: Ray Adler, 1968 Dodge; Ed Allen, 1957 Chevrolet; Dan Banks, 1933 Datsun; Ed Butler, 1932 Buick; Bud Currey, 1965 Pontiac; Paul Habicht, 1959 Cadillac; Dave Johnson, 1956 Thunderbird; Tom Kenney, 1955 DeSoto, Randy Moss, 1973 Porsche; Jim Popp, 1960 Edsel; Don Rhine, 1940 Buick; Richard Ridinger, 1958 Triumph; Jerry Ross, 1954 Kaiser; Frank & Frank III Ruehl, 1932 Chrysler & 1959 Edsel; Gary & Jimmy Schlee, 1930 & 1931 Chevrolet; Paul Smith, 1964 Thunderbird; Chuck Talbert, 1939 Ford; Harry Wilhelm, 1963 Ford; and Jason Willis, 1963 Ford.



Two Edsels shown by Club members – Jim Popp's red 1960 and Frank Ruehl's orange and white 1959







Charter Member Burgoyne Frank's Buicks from the Farm Heritage Museum - from the left: the 1925 Touring, his nephew John Frank driving & his sister Mable Frank standing with the 1911 ready for the parade, and the 1928 coupe.



Our Guardians at the Gate Al Lawson & Harry Wilhelm



Some of the 130 show cars & trucks on the field



Randy Moss with his bright red 1973 Porsche

Howard County Fair Car Show - continued









Clockwise from the lower left: Amie Ballantine, 1965 Mustang, one of several gals who brought cars; Bob Winokur, 3rd Place Class 8, 1982 Avanti II; Bruce Solomon, 2nd Place Class 1, 1931 Pontiac; Paul Smith with his new 1964 Ford Thunderbird; and William Grammer, 1st Place Class 5, 1957 Studebaker Hawk.



Winners - Howard County Fair Car Show

Class	1	1932 and Earlier	
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1st Ken & Vicky Miller, 1930 Ford Model A

2nd Bruce Solomon, 1931 Pontiac 3rd Gordon Kirwin, 1910 Ford Model T

Class 2 1933 to 1939

1st Chuck Talbert, 1939 Ford

2nd NA

3rd Dan Banks, 1933 Datsun Fire Engine

Class 3 1940 to 1949

1st Don Rhine, 1940 Buick 2nd Ken Eller, 1946 Jeep 3rd Earle Benson, 1942 Jeep

Class 4 1950 to 1954

1st Owen Garland, 1951 Ford
2nd K. Fountain, 1951 Ford
3rd Howard Miller, 1954 Buick

Class 5 1955 to 1959

1st William Grammer, 1957 Studebaker
2nd John DiMartino, 1957 Corvette
3rd Bill Salisbury, 1955 Ford

Class 6 1960 to 1965

1st Jim & Carolyn Popp, 1960 Edsel
2nd Trey Stamer, 1965 Chevrolet
3rd Richard Mills, 1965 Ford

Class 7 1966 to 1969

1st Bernie Dieter, 1968 Mercury
2nd Drew & Anita Hill, 1966 Pontiac
3rd Gordon Labow, 1967 Pontiac

Class 8 1970 to 1980

1st Eric Dubois, 1971 Chevrolet 2nd Randy Iman, 1972 Oldsmobile 3rd Bob & Linda Winokur, 1982 Avanti II

Class 9 Domestic Sports Cars

1st Tim Smith, 1954 Kaiser-Darrin
2nd Dave Johnson, 1956 Thunderbird
3rd Harold Hazelton, 1966 Corvette

Class 10 Foreign Sports Cars

1st Richard Ridinger, 1958 Triumph
2nd Tony Vizzini, 1973 Triumph
3rd Randy Moss, 1973 Porsche

Class 11 Trucks & Commercial Vehicles

1st Gene Toms, 1977 Chevrolet El Camino

2nd Joe Follmeyer, 1980 Chevrolet 3rd Charlie Plott, 1940 Chevrolet

Class 12 Factory Muscle Cars

1st Duke Durham, 1970 Dodge
2nd John Cozzolino, 1969 Ford
3rd Bob Nowak, 1970 Chevelle

Class 13 Customs, Modifieds & Street Rods to 1960

1st Buddy Burness, 1960 Chevrolet 2nd Ron McKinney, 1932 Ford 3rd Dave Jones, 1933 Plymouth

Class 14 Customs, Modifieds & Street Rods '61 to '81

1st John Haas, 1968 Camaro
2nd Shawn Crisfulli, 1967 Camaro
3rd Mollie Boyd, 1961 Thunderbird