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Another Terrific Hershey Fall Meet

All the antique car events during the 2007 Hershey Week (Oct. 8th to 13th) just emphasized the fact that this is the greatest car show on earth – what some consider the World Series of car collecting.

The week started with the AACA Library literature auction on Monday. Wednesday night there was a star-studded reception and fund-raiser at the AACA Museum. The Vintage Car Auction on Friday night was at the Hershey Lodge. Best of all, was the Saturday Car Show. In between there were other events including several free live music performances, day bus trips, the race car run, a high-wheeler event, old movies, judging schools, a talent show, a Juniors event, and the wrap-up awards banquet.

And of course, from sunup to sundown, Wednesday through Saturday, crowds swarmed the gigantic flea market and car corral – finally with all flea market fields on paved surfaces. Did anyone miss the old muddy red and blue fields? Well, at least it used to be fun telling war stories about our experiences in the mud of Hershey's past. It's amazing how the gooey mud and slippery hills are fading from memory. This year the weather was somewhat typical of many Hershey Weeks – the cool, crisp fall weather arrived just in time with a little bit of wind, some rain Thursday

morning, but otherwise a fine week weather-wise, with a perfect sunny and mild day for Saturday's car show.

Our Club's members had another strong contingent registered for the show on Saturday, with 32 cars and trucks in 23 classes. The show results are on page 2.

The Hershey show has always had an

race cars, military vehicles, scooters, and motorcycles? More than 120 makes of vehicles were represented.

This year, the earliest vehicle on the showfield was a 1900 Knox three-wheeler owned by Reed Martin of Maryland. Later in the afternoon we came upon an immaculate, metallic baby blue 1979 Volvo station wagon,

the quintessential "Soccer Mom's Car". It was a Senior car in Class 27M going for a multiple Preservation award. The owner said that the wagon, which was bought new, was just well-maintained family transportation in a car friendly climate. It was then rehabbed as a show car. How many of the family cars that you have owned could be turned into a show car after twenty-five years without an extensive restoration?

Several Club members reported that there

were traffic problems entering the showfield on Saturday. Also, there seemed to be some problems with directional signs. There is an extensive AACA Discussion Forum thread that has details at www.aaca.org. Finding solutions to these problems for next year appears to be a high priority. But even with some inconveniences, the overall atmosphere on the showfield was extremely upbeat. Everyone we talked to was having a great time and enjoying the cars and camaraderie of the hobby.

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This really is a family hobby. Here are the Wilmers – Vicky, Todd, Andrew, and Gary – who are all wearing "Impala SS" sweatshirts standing in front of their 1963 Chevrolet Impala SS, which won a 2nd Jr. in Class 36B.

amazing variety of vehicles on the showfield, more than any other major car show. Where else can you see multiple examples of automotive history from 1900 to 1982 including, cars, pickup trucks, commercial vehicles,

Chesapeake Region Members Who Entered Vehicles

<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year/Make</u>	<u>Award</u>
18C	Pat Wenderoth	1928 Studebaker	
20D	Frank Ruehl	1937 Buick	
20F	Allan Weinstein	1941 Hupmobile	Third Junior
23	Robert Janssen	1956 Dodge/Knight	
25A	Dave Benson	1955 Jaguar	Second Junior
25A	Henry VerValen	1953 Jaguar	
25D	Randy Moss	1973 Porsche	
26C	Doris Phelps	1950 Cadillac	
26D	Glenn Hartong	1952 Hudson	
27C	Ed Allen	1959 Buick	Repeat Presv.
27C	Paul Habicht	1959 Cadillac	Repeat Presv.
27D	John Gambo	1961 Metropolitan	Repeat Presv.
27D	Jerry Gordon	1961 Cadillac	Repeat Presv.
27D	Tom Young	1960 Thunderbird	Repeat Presv.
27E	Bob Johannessen	1963 Studebaker	Repeat Presv.
27F	Roy Kidwell	1965 Plymouth	Repeat Presv.
27G	Doris Phelps	1967 Cadillac	Senior
27I	Charles Visconage	1961 American Motors	
28C	John Krupinsky	1939 Ford	First Presv.
30C	Doug Ehmann	1969 Corvette	Repeat Presv.
31	Charles Visconage	1957 Thunderbird	
36B	John Fischer	1967 Oldsmobile	
36B	Gary Wilmer	1963 Chevrolet	Second Junior
36C	Ray Adler	1968 Dodge	
36E	Eric O'Dell	1977 Pontiac	Repeat Presv.
DPC	Charles Grudinsky	1967 Plymouth	Repeat
DPC	Rick Hollar	1972 Buick	Repeat
DPC	Tom Kenney	1955 DeSoto	Repeat
DPC	Tommy Thompson	1973 Chevrolet	Repeat
HPOF	Ed Hainke	1941 Ford	Certified
HPOF	Alan Sandler	1966 Buick	

Observed On The Showfield Saturday



Paul Habicht, Jerry Gordon, & Bob Johannessen



Anne Kenney



Patricia & Roy Kidwell



Helen Gordon & Ginny Habicht



Allan Weinstein



1943 US Army Half-Track



1965 VW Van



1900 Knox Three-Wheeler



1922 Brockway - LaFrance Pumper



1952 Nash



1950 Rolls Royce Silver Wraith