

## The Residence at the Manor – Historical Car Show

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Chesapeake Region was invited to participate in a Historical Car Show on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> on the grounds of a large residential complex in Frederick, MD. To make the trip from Baltimore to Frederick easier, most of us met at the park and ride on I-70 in Mt. Airy and then caravanned over to Frederick. It sure solved the problem of finding the show site.

As has been the case this year for many of our events, the weather on this Saturday morning was a little cloudy and threatening. But, as usual, we braved the elements (which by the way turned out to be just a little drizzle from time to time - no serious rain). At about 9:45 am we arrived at Willowdale Dr. and the entrance to the Residence at the Manor.

The entrance road in the complex is a beautiful, tree lined lane that turns into a circle in front of a magnificent 1700s mansion. The property was developed several years ago into a 600 unit apartment complex, with the mansion and some tastefully done modern additions as the focal point.



On arriving, the property manager requested that Thelma and Dave Johnson park their white 1956 Thunderbird in front of the mansion on the lawn. The ambiance of the estate has been maintained with period antique furniture and décor.

We parked our cars on each side of the lane under the oak trees. The local 4-H group prepared lunch for us of pulled barbecue pork, hot dogs, chips, homemade brownies, and cold drinks. We set up our picnic tables and spent a very pleasant, relaxed day enjoying each other's company and car talk.

When we arrived there was a very nice 1976 Cadillac Eldorado convertible already parked under the trees. Pat and

James Smith, who live in Frederick joined us for the show. Their Caddy is an original 23K mile example of a beautiful, garage kept like-new car.

After lunch, the property manager presented us with five restaurant gift certificates. We put our names in a hat and drew chances for the rather valuable certificates.

During the morning, we were serenaded by a string trio playing soft music on their violins and cello, which was nicer than the blaring sounds at other shows.

The following members displayed their cars: Anne & Tom Kenney, 1955 DeSoto; Helen & Jerry Gordon, 1961 Cadillac; John Shenton, 1965 Plymouth; Ginny & Paul Habicht, 1959 Cadillac; Dan Materazzi, 1956 Corvette; Thelma & Dave Johnson; 1956 Thunderbird; Mary & Ed Allen; 1959 Buick; and Dave Benson, 1957 Thunderbird.

John and Tom Young stopped by on their way home from Morgantown, WV. Tom had his 1960 Thunderbird in the trailer, but it was too late to unload.



*Shown clockwise from the top left: The Johnson's Thunderbird in front of the Mansion, the Kenney's 1955 DeSoto, the string trio serenading us, the Allen's 1959 Buick, some of us enjoying lunch, and the Smith's 1976 Cadillac*