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Fair Car & Truck Show Smashes Attendance Record

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No one is sure what caused the terrific turnout for the 2008 Howard County Fair Antique Car and Truck Show on August 3rd. It may have been the pre-show promotion done by Chief Judge Dave Johnson, or the great weather for August – low 80s without humidity, or the price of gasoline making more hobbyists think about attending local shows rather than long distance travel. Or it could just be that the show is a great value – two free admissions to the County Fair, a shot at one of the 48 trophies, a guaranteed dash plaque, an active 50/50 raffle, excellent DJ music, plus an opportunity to talk about cars with other gear heads.

The record attendance could be the result of all of the above. We did open the gate a little early this year and by 9 AM we had almost 35 cars registered. At 11 AM we ran out of windshield judging cards at 170 cars and soon after we ran out of parking spots and had to turn away a few late-comers. **In total, there were 178 cars in the show, a 45% increase over last year's show.**

While we continue to have a nice mix of antique, classic, muscle, custom, and hot rod vehicles in the Fair Show, one of the interesting developments is the growth of pickup trucks participating in the commercial and custom classes. There were 20 pickup trucks registered plus five military vehicles and a few outright commercial vehicles. What vehicle is more appropriate at a county fair than a pickup truck?

On the show field we had a wide range of years starting with a 1911 Ford Model T, lots of 50s, 60s, and 70s vehicles, and a few from the 1980s. In Maryland, vehicles up to 1988 can be registered as Historic Vehicles. An example of the mix in the show – the 1980s vehicles were: 1980 Chevrolet pickup truck, 1982 Avanti II, 1983 Buick Riviera, and 1983 Ferrari. It was

Ramsburg. Ed Allen, Gary Ruby, Dave Benson, Dan Materazzi, Glen Wells, and John Young. It was one more example of our Club's members pulling together to create a fun-filled hobby event.

One member who brought an interesting car to the Fair Show was **Ed Hainke, with his 1948 Pontiac**

Streamliner sedan that has the Silver Streak straight-eight engine. This was the first year for Pontiac's Hydramatic, which was a four-speed that didn't have a Park gear. Reverse served that function.

The '48 is an HPOF car that is all original, except for one repaint in 1975 by a previous owner.. The car was purchased in 2000, sort of as an afterthought, when Ed and Betty

went to look at another car in New York and saw the Pontiac on a rural road. Betty insisted that they inquire about the car and they decided to buy it. It was in terrific condition, with 90K miles on it. One of the improvements done was an engine rebuild that was performed without removing the engine from the car..

Ed's Pontiac is an excellent tour car and was most recently on the VMCCA Heritage Tour in the New Philadelphia, OH area during July. **A picture of this Pontiac is on page 3.**

A second member's car, that we rarely see, was **Glenn Hartong's 1949 Hudson Commander sedan**, another

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View of part of the show field with attendees listening to the DJ music.

a lot of fun just walking around the show field and looking at the variety of vehicles.

Chesapeake Region members participated in the Fair show, both by helping plan and run the event and by entering cars. A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this show a success by working before the show and on the show field: Dave Johnson, Tom Young, Jerry Gordon, Thelma Johnson, Al Lawson, Mary Allen, Buzz Diehl, Harry Wilhelm, Bud Currey, Brad Johnson, Ted Schneider, Don Ramsburg, Paula Ruby, Anne Marie

Antique Car & Truck Show at the Howard County Fair – Winners List

Class 1 1932 and earlier

- 1st – 1930 Ford, Ken Miller
- 2nd – 1928 Ford, Dave Sturgis
- 3rd – 1927 Hupmobile, John Stamberg

Class 2 1933 to 1939

- 1st – 1938 Lincoln, Larry Butcher
- 2nd – 1936 Ford, Bill O'Donnell
- 3rd – 1937 Buick, Gary Ruehl

Class 3 1940 to 1949

- 1st – 1947 Plymouth, Doug Collins
- 2nd – 1949 Hudson, Glenn Hatong
- 3rd – 1940 Buick, Don Rhine

Class 4 1950 to 1954

- 1st – 1951 Ford, Owen Garland
- 2nd – 1950 Plymouth, Joe Angelozzi
- 3rd – 1951 Ford, Roger Fountain

Class 5 1955 to 1959

- 1st – 1955 Ford, Bill Salisbury
- 2nd – 1956 Plymouth, Anne Herald
- 3rd – 1957 Chevrolet, Ed Allen

Class 6 1960 to 1965

- 1st – 1964 Pontiac, Beth Bandy
- 2nd – 1960 Chevrolet, Charley Wirth
- 3rd – 1965 Mustang, Tammy Fleming

Class 7 1966 to 1969

- 1st – 1967 Pontiac, Glen Davis
- 2nd – 1966 Pontiac, Drew Hill
- 3rd – 1967 Mustang, Barbara Pruitt

Class 8 1970 to 1983

- 1st – 1972 Oldsmobile, Randy Iman
- 2nd – 1975 Chevrolet, Joe Lubber
- 3rd – 1972 Chevrolet, Mathew Brashires



1973 Corvette



1938 Lincoln



1936 Ford

Class 9 Domestic Sports Cars to 1983

- 1st – 1957 Corvette, Joann DiMartino
- 2nd – 1957 Thunderbird, Charles Steinhauser
- 3rd – 1970 Corvette, Nick Foehrkolb

Class 10 Foreign Sports Cars to 1983

- 1st – 1957 Porsche, Russell Powell
- 2nd – 1960 MGA, Bob Samuelson
- 3rd – 1970 Jaguar XKE, Dave Benson

Class 11 Trucks & Special Interest

- 1st – 1980 Chevrolet, Joe Follmeyer
- 2nd – 1950 Ford, James Miller
- 3rd – 1940 White, John McCleaf

Class 12 Factory Muscle Cars

- 1st – 1969 Camaro, Joe Smith
- 2nd – 1970 Plymouth Cuda, Steve Amos
- 3rd – 1968 Chevelle, Bob Wilcox

Class 13 Street Rods to 1948

- 1st – 1932 Ford, Wayne Gerst
- 2nd – 1937 Chevrolet, Ralph McCarter
- 3rd – 1930 Plymouth, Gary Ruby

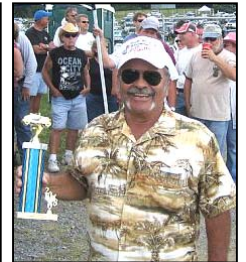
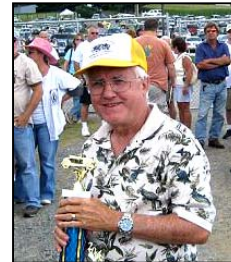
Class 14 Custom & Modified to 1960

- 1st – 1960 Chevrolet, Buddy Burness
- 2nd – 1957 Ford, Jeff Koler
- 3rd – 1959 Buick, Patrick Fox

Class 15 Custom & Modified to 1983

- 1st – 1966 Plymouth Baracuda, Freeda Toms
- 2nd – 1963 Ford, Bill Salisbury
- 3rd – 1967 Plymouth, Terry Gartrell

First Place winners pictured from left to right: 1st Row: Ken Miller, Larry Butcher, Doug Collins; 2nd Row: Owen Garland, Bill Salisbury, Beth Bandy, Glen Davis, Randy Iman, Joann DiMartino; 3rd Row: Russell Powell, Joe Follmeyer, Joe Smith, Wayne Gerst, Buddy Burness, and Freeda Toms.



Fair Show - continued

post-WW II car in the show with a straight-eight engine. Glenn says that the Commander is driven less than his 1952 Hudson Hornet, which has the six-cylinder engine that was made famous in stock car racing in its day. Glenn's '52 currently needs some wiring updates, so the '49 was pressed into service. The post-war Hudsons seem to be peer-judging favorites because the '49 was second in Class 3 at the Fair Show. In 2007, the '52 was third in Class 4 at the Fair Show.

Glenn has always been interested in orphan cars as antique cars. His first venture with a vehicle in the hobby was with a 1947 Hudson pickup truck that he bought in Pennsylvania. He restored the truck and enjoyed it for years before selling it.

New Club member **Billy McKee brought his 1969 Camaro SS coupe**, which is painted Rally Green and really stands out on the show field. Billy purchased the Camaro in 2001 – it was restored, but had many custom and rod components on it. Since then, Billy has installed correct parts – wheels, tires, exhaust, valve covers, manifolds, distributor, starter, and gas tank – in his effort to return the car to its factory



original configuration

The Camaro has won trophies in Ocean City for Best in Show – Paint; and at the Camaro Nationals, it has won first and second in its class.

Club members who participated with cars not already mentioned were: Dean Hanson, 1972 Pinzgauer; Bud Currey, 1965 Pontiac; Tommy Thompson, 1969 Chevrolet; Chuck Visconage, 1972 De Tomaso; Chuck Talbert, 1939 Ford; Dave Benson, 1970 Jaguar; Gary Ruby, 1930 Plymouth; Bill O'Donnell, 1936 Ford; and Larry Butcher, 1938 Lincoln.

Also in the Fair Show were: Frank Ruehl, 1932 Chrysler; Ed Allen, 1957 Chevrolet; Frank Ruehl III, 1958 Ford; John Watkins, 1965 Buick; Laura O'Dell, 1977 Pontiac; Greg Ruehl, 1937 Buick; Gary Schlee, 1930 & 1931 Chevrolets; Don Rhine, 1940 Buick; Jerry Ross, 1954 Kaiser; Rich Berger, 1953 Buick; and Jim Synodinow, 1932 Buick.

<< *Shown in the center from the top: Ed Hainke's 1948 Pontiac; Glen Hartong's 1949 Hudson; & Billy McKee's 1969 Camaro.*



***A Day at the Baltimore Yacht Club
Sunday, September 14, 2008 - Noon to 5 pm***



Car Show – Crab Salad Lunch – Boat Ride

Lunch at 1 pm - Caesar salad with large, all jumbo lump crab cake, rolls, iced tea, lemonade and an ice cream bar. \$25 per person including tax and tip.

Water Taxi ride at 3 pm limited to 35. Nautical sight seeing tour around Middle River costs \$10 per person.



Pre-registration is required – deadline is Sept. 6th

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