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The Howard County Fair Car Show was the hottest ticket in town

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In mid-August you would expect a county agricultural fair to have summer weather. It's not an air-conditioned environment, and while the Car and Truck Show at the Howard County Fair is held on a grass field, everyone can feel a hot day.

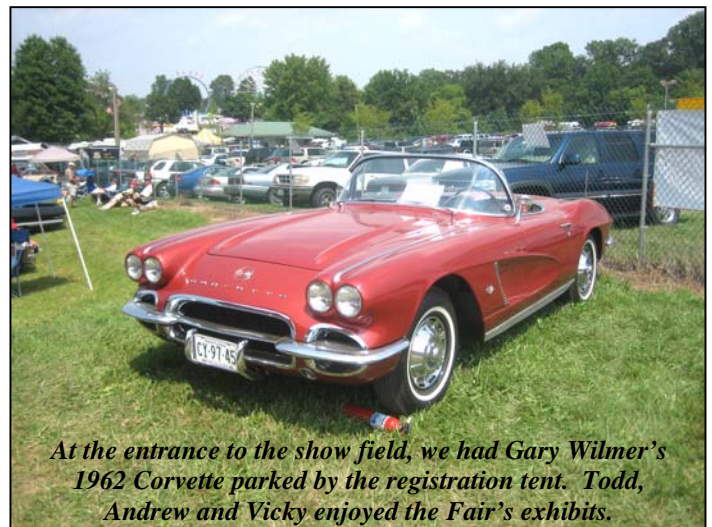
Well, on August 9th it was accurately forecast to be in the mid-90s, but we still had excellent attendance of 133 cars and trucks. Everyone stayed cool by bringing their own portable tents and wandering around the Fair's exhibits inside.



Besides, by about 11 AM a very welcome steady breeze came up and persisted throughout the afternoon. A summer car show at a county fair – what could be more fun?

Besides the usual visiting with other antique and collector car buffs, there was a lot of car activity at the show. Peer judging created foot traffic as exhibitors walked around to look at all the cars and pick their choices in the fifteen car show classes. Peer judging is always popular, because it gives fellow car exhibitors a voice on which vehicles are worthy of a trophy. The Club also provided a DJ, who played a selection of popular and vintage music for everyone's enjoyment. It wasn't loud or obtrusive, just easy listening. And one of the more popular activities that almost everyone participated in was the 50/50 drawing. One of the most common comments was "I never win anything". Well, someone walked away with a little gas money just before the trophies were awarded.

The Club had a membership drive at the show, which encouraged



At the entrance to the show field, we had Gary Wilmer's 1962 Corvette parked by the registration tent. Todd, Andrew and Vicky enjoyed the Fair's exhibits.

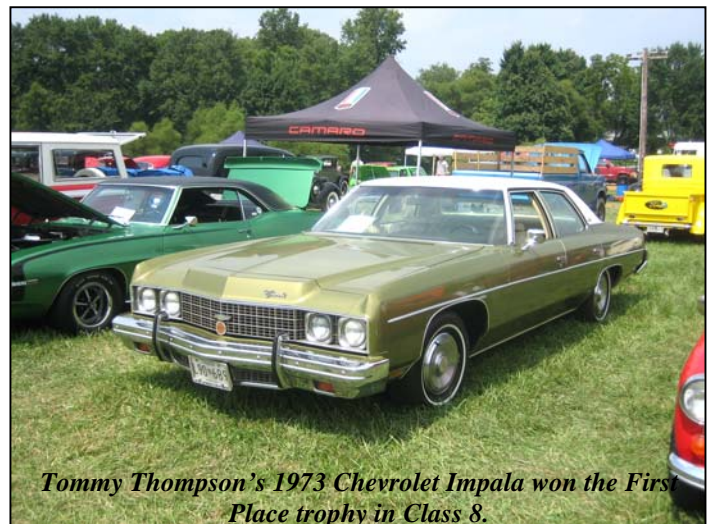
non-AACA participants to join for the rest of 2009 at an attractive rate giving National and Chesapeake Region a "Test Drive". The Club has gained eleven new households through this effort.

One of the more unusual car displays was by Dave Linton and his daughter, Charlotte Linton, of Woodbine. They joined the Club at the car show and brought a pair of Ford Model A Deluxe Roadsters. As Dave tells the story of how he got into the hobby, when he was a kid of ten or eleven he learned to drive on a Model A roadster like the one he has now. He says that he had

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Larry Butcher's 1938 Lincoln Zephyr convertible won the First Place trophy in class 2.



Tommy Thompson's 1973 Chevrolet Impala won the First Place trophy in Class 8.

2009 Antique Car & Truck Show at the Howard County Fair – Winners List

- Class 1 1932 and earlier**
 1st – 1930 Ford, David Linton
 2nd – 1928 Ford, Dave Sturges
 3rd – 1931 Ford, Charlotte Linton

- Class 2 1933 to 1939**
 1st – 1938 Lincoln, Larry Butcher
 2nd – 1937 Packard, Jay Donaldson
 3rd – 1937 Packard, John Lebon

- Class 3 1940 to 1949**
 1st – 1940 Ford, John Krupinsky
 2nd – 1949 Plymouth, Ray Hummel
 3rd – 1940 Buick, Don Rhine

- Class 4 1950 to 1954**
 1st – 1950 Cadillac, Doris Phelps
 2nd – 1950 Plymouth, Joe Angelozzi
 3rd – 1951 Ford, Richard Kibbe

- Class 5 1955 to 1959**
 1st – 1957 Studebaker, William Grammer
 2nd – 1958 Edsel, Joseph Starkey
 3rd – 1955 DeSoto, Tom Kenney

- Class 6 1960 to 1965**
 1st – 1960 Chevrolet, Charlie Wirth
 2nd – 1965 Pontiac, Douglas Poteet
 3rd – 1960 Lincoln, Jim Popp

- Class 7 1966 to 1969**
 1st – 1969 Camaro, Billy McKee
 2nd – 1967 Camaro, Tammy Fleming
 3rd – 1967 Buick, Harold Hopewell

- Class 8 1970 to 1984**
 1st – 1970 Chevrolet, Tommy Thompson
 2nd – 1970 Chevelle, Andrew Sie Konowicz
 3rd – 1972 Buick, Bob Wilhelm



Doris Phelps' 1950 Cadillac



Tom Kenney's 1955 DeSoto



Ed Allen's 1957 Chevrolet

- Class 9 Domestic Sports Cars to 1984**
 1st – 1956 Corvette, Bill Dorsey
 2nd – 1957 Thunderbird, Janette Knill
 3rd – 1978 Corvette, Don Burrus

- Class 10 Foreign Sports Cars to 1984**
 1st – 1967 Austin Healey, Samuel Campbell
 2nd – 1957 Jaguar, Henry Ver Valen
 3rd – 1968 Volkswagen, John Sampson

- Class 11 Trucks & Special Interest**
 1st – 1946 Chevrolet, Billy Marlow
 2nd – 1980 Chevrolet, Joe Follmeyer
 3rd – 1956 Ford, Robin Smith

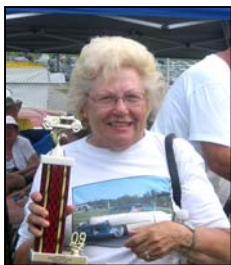
- Class 12 Factory Muscle Cars**
 1st – 1969 Dodge, Wayne Lee
 2nd – 1969 Chevrolet, Norm Meads
 3rd – NA

- Class 13 Street Rods to 1948**
 1st – 1940 Ford, Will Quatman
 2nd – 1939 Ford, Chuck Talbert
 3rd – 1939 Chevrolet, Ralph McCarter

- Class 14 Custom & Modified to 1960**
 1st – 1953 Studebaker, Ed Brown
 2nd – 1955 Chevrolet, Frank Davis
 3rd – 1960 Thunderbird, Robert Hitaffer

- Class 15 Custom & Modified to 1984**
 1st – 1971 Pontiac, Gary Horton
 2nd – 1984 Chevrolet, Miguel Orr
 3rd – 1963 Ford, Bill Salisbury

First Place winners shown from left to right: 1st Row: David Linton, Larry Butcher, John Krupinsky; 2nd Row: Doris Phelps, William Grammer, Charlie Wirth, Billy McKee, Tommy Thompson, Andrew Wilmer for Bill Dorsey; 3rd Row: Samuel Campbell, Billy Marlow, Wayne Lee, Will Quatman, Ed Brown, & Gary Horton.



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looked for a car just like that first Model A for at least fifty years. About one and a half years ago, Dave found what he thought was a suitable 1930 Ford Model A roadster in St. Louis. In talking to the owner on the phone he emphasized that he wanted a Model A with an authentic restoration, without any fiberglass reproduction parts, like fenders. He didn't want to spend airfare to look at a car that didn't measure up to what he wanted. The seller assured him that his car was a good restoration.

Dave bought the car and was happy to have a Model A that met his standards. But this was his first hobby car, and as he learned more about "correct restoration" he found that the car needed a lot of things changed – such as fasteners and hardware, and there

were issues with some of the interior upholstery. So he put a lot of effort into redoing the Model A and in the process had it repainted. Now he is happy that the car is correct.

During this process, his Daughter Charlotte decided that she liked the Model A so much that she had to have one too. So last October, Charlotte bought the matching 1931 Ford Model A roadster from a local owner. Father and daughter travel to shows by trailering both cars if the distance is over ten miles. If it's less than that distance, they drive their cars and they also use them for local cruise-ins, etc.

It's interesting that Dave's 1930 Model A won first place in class 1 and Charlotte's 1931 Model A won third place – sort of verification that these two Fords are pretty darn good.

The show was a smooth operation that registered cars at the gate and then participants completed the registration at a second desk inside the gate after parking. This speeded up the process and pretty much eliminated standing in line that we had in previous years.

This year's crew was headed by Chief Judge Dave Johnson. The following members worked hard to make the show a success – Gary Wilmer, Todd & Andrew Wilmer, Anne & Tom Kenney, Don Ramsburg, Thelma Johnson, Paul Habicht, Jerry Gordon, Harry Wilhelm, Tom Young, Larry Butcher, Dan Materazzi, John Young, Mary & Ed Allen, Bud Currey, Ted Schneider, and Buzz Diehl.

This group deserves thanks for coming out on a hot day to put on another successful show at the Fair.



Shown on the left: Charlotte Linton's 1931 Ford Model A; and on the right: Dave Linton's 1930 Ford Model A. These Deluxe Roadsters are owned by father and daughter Model A enthusiasts.



*Above from left: Chuck Talbert with 1939 Ford; JoAnn Lancaster with 1965 Corvette; and Billy McKee with 1969 Camaro
Below from left: Gary Schlee's 1930 Chevrolet; Henry Ver Valen with 1960 Jaguar; and Randy Moss' 1963 Thunderbird*

