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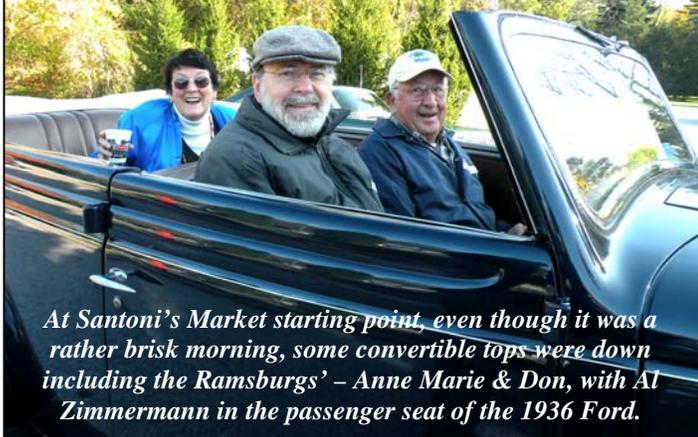
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HALLOWEEN POKER RUN



At Santoni's Market starting point, even though it was a rather brisk morning, some convertible tops were down including the Ramsburgs' - Anne Marie & Don, with Al Zimmermann in the passenger seat of the 1936 Ford.

By Anne Kenney & Tom Kenney,
Photos By Buzz Diehl

It was a perfect fall day on Sunday, October 25th for our annual Poker Run over the scenic country roads north of metro Baltimore. And this year we had a record 76 cars and trucks driving in all directions; plus there were 178 people at Friendly Farm for dinner.

We started gathering at Santoni's Market in Glyndon and by 9:30 AM there were Poker Run vehicles everywhere waiting to be released on the Run. Vehicles ranged from some Ford Model As, to lots of '40s through '70s cars of all makes; with a few modern cars scattered in. The variety of

vehicles made the local roads look like a car show, and we were even stopped by one local resident who asked if all of us were headed to an antique car show.

One popular feature of the Poker Run is the series of questions about things that you can plainly see from the road. This year we had fifty-two questions and even provided the answer to the first one for anyone who bothered to read the directions. The feedback we got was that finding the answers to questions was very entertaining.

We had the Run roads chosen early this year. Then we traveled those back roads over and over again making sure the direc-

tions were just right and the visual objects that the questions were based on continued to be correct.

The Run visited the car collections at the homes of Gladys and Sterling Walsh and Flo and Lou Abel. We also visited the Hampstead Train Station and the Curiosity Shop. However, there seemed to be the usual amount of backtracking to pick up missed clues to the questions - and this is part of the fun on the Poker Run.

Other than some minor breakdowns, everyone made it to Friendly Farm in time for dinner. The staff reserved two paved parking lots just for our Poker Run cars.

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GOOD FUN & SCENIC ROADS



Left: In Boring, MD (yes there is such a place) the Halloween weekend sermon subject is advertised; Above: part of the lower parking lot at Friendly Farm; Right: Vicky Wilmer handing out poker cards at Sterling Walsh's garage exhibit.



HALLOWEEN POKER RUN CONTINUED

Friendly Farm always seems to go the extra mile in making sure that we have a good time there. The food was served on time and was delicious. They also donated three door prizes.

After dinner, the *Run Questions* answer sheets, filled out by each car's team, were passed out for grading. We projected a visual of each clue on the screen and provided the answer. And then we had the *Run Questions* winners – 3rd Place: Steva & Arnold Darnell; 2nd Place: Erin & Paul Bianco; and the 1st Place winner: Debbie & Chuck Chaney, plus Todd Wilmer.

Tim Seeds was the winner of the *Poker Draw* with a full house. Other awards: *Need a Push* – Wanda & Craig Miller; *Got Lost* – Bill Fox; and *Need Spare Parts* – Tim Daniels.

The Halloween Poker Run crew consisted of Florann & Joe Sordillo,

Carole & Bud Currey, and Josie & Bill O'Donnell. Also helping on the Run were Lois & John Krupinsky, Todd, Andrew, Vicky & Gary Wilmer, Bruce Knott and Art Rutledge. And our golfing friends, the Glissons and the Schaffers, ran the poker route to help work out the kinks several weeks before the big event.

Paula & Gary Ruby handled the food drive for the Poker Run. Paula sent a personal letter to everyone who pre-registered to remind them of the food drive. The Ruby's also took care of the 50/50 drawing. Their efforts raised a substantial amount of non-perishable food items and cash for distribution to needy families.

Chesapeake Region members and guests on the 2009 Poker Run were: Josie & Bill O'Donnell, Lois & John Krupinsky, Carole & Bud Currey, Art & June Rutledge, Gladys & Sterling

Walsh, Angie & Ben Gugliuzza, Lynn & John Horn, Anna & Ernie Nortman + Thelma & Ferd Driver, Terry & Dan Materazzi, Mary & Ed Allen, Christine Morningstar + Chris & John Young, Linda & Tom Young, Laura & Eric O'Dell, Donna & Moyer Handleman + Helen & Jerry Gordon, Joan & Walton Meyers, Nancy & Ken Schaffer, Ted Schneider, Florann & Joe Sordillo, Linda & Richard Klingmeyer, Carri & Dave Benson, and Todd & Andrew Wilmer + Vicky & Gary Wilmer.

Also on the Run: Barbara & Buzz Diehl, Jean & Gary Price, Anne & Tom Kenney, Laurie & Doug Robinson, Al Zimmermann + Anne Marie & Don Ramsburg, Read Van Zile & Joanne Day, Thelma & Dave Johnson, Paula & Gary Ruby, Bruce Knott, Debi & Chudk Chaney, Ken Stevenson & John O'Hara, Ruth Synodinos, and Molly & Jim Hatfield



Top row from left: Run Questionnaire First Place winner Debbie & Chuck Chaney, plus Todd Wilmer; Ken Stevenson & John O'Hara in the 1947 Ford with the top down enjoying a fall drive; and Tim Seeds, winner of the Poker Draw. Bottom row from left: Sterling Walsh's 1950 Willys Jeepster; Jerry Gordon with Sterling Walsh in his driveway enjoying the beautiful weather; and Sterling Walsh's 1940 Packard.