



Judging Seminar Is Renewed To Favorable Response

Garv Wilmer's well-equipped garage

Chesapeake Region renewed the popular spring Judging Seminar after having it lapse for a couple of years. On April 30th, we had a good turnout for the morning session at Gary Wilmer's wonderfully equipped garage behind his home.

The temperature was brisk, but it was a crystal clear day and mother nature had everything turning green and starting to bloom – a good sign that the old car driving season with weekly shows and events was also beginning.

After everyone enjoyed the pastries, orange juice and coffee, and also chewed-the-fat a little bit, we got down to a discussion of judging guidelines and procedures and what a member should consider in preparing their

vehicle for an AACA National Meet.

The mix of members attending ranged from a Judging Team Captain with more than 80 credits, experienced judges, members with Senior cars and some newcomers to the National Meet scene.

Led by our Club's Chief Judge Larry Butcher, we began by discussing AACA Judging Guidelines changes and improvements over the past couple of years. We were seated in a circle inside the garage and many members were happy to share their experiences and viewpoints.

Three cars were at the seminar to help demonstrate points to consider from different production eras: Bill Hensyl's

1940 Packard, Henry Chaudron's 1955 Pontiac, and Gary Wilmer's 1985 Oldsmobile. After the AACA Judging Guidelines review, the group went outside to talk about specific issues with the three demonstration cars. To go over chassis preparation, we placed Henry Chaudron's Pontiac on the lift so that we could walk around underneath.

Attending the Judging Seminar were: Mildred & Al Lawson, Barbara Muldowney & Henry Chaudron, John Krupinsky, Bob Wilhelm, Franklin Gage, Bill Hensyl, Bruce Knott, Jim Turner, Gary Wilmer, Larry Butcher, Dan Materazzi, Tom Kenney, Ted Schneider, and Buzz Diehl. Everyone agreed that there's a lot to learn about judging even for experienced members.



Shown clockwise from the left: Larry Butcher pointing out details under Henry Chaudron's 1955 Pontiac on the lift; Mildred Lawson, Franklin Gage, Bill Hensyl and Dan Materazzi listening to the discussion; Franklin Gage's 1951 Chevrolet; Gary Wilmer's 1985 Oldsmobile; John Krupinsky's 1939 Ford; and Bill Hensyl's 1940 Packard

