

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Parade Convertible Needed:** Tom Young said he was contacted about a convertible needed to carry delegates in a July 4 parade. Please contact him for information.

**Awards:** Nick Prevas and Buzz Diehl won awards for the Bulletin and the website. The awards will be presented to them at a membership meeting after corrections are made.

**Newspaper Feature:** Paula Ruby said that there was a feature article on Henry Chaudron and his car, a 1955 Pontiac Star Chief, in the "What a Gem" section of the Northern News on February 13, 2014.

**March 8<sup>th</sup> Antique Auto Parts Flea Market and Car Corral:** There was an extensive discussion of this past Saturday's Flea Market. It was again a tremendous success, and the weather was very favorable. Gary thanked the numerous members who helped and especially Tom Young for his role in being responsible for the event for many years. Tom in turn thanked our members who contributed their good spirit and hours of time. Paula Ruby thanked those who contributed to the successful food concession. Your secretary will make no attempt here to recount the names of our members who pitched in.

By way of statistics, Tom Young reported that there were 156 outside spaces sold, 95 barn spaces sold (all but one), and Buildings 1 and 2 were sold out. This year there was a reduced number of car corral spaces, for reasons unknown. Feedback from vendors was very positive and they plan to return in large numbers next year.

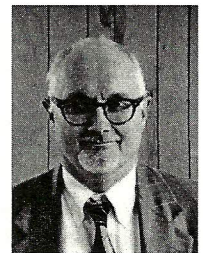
**Photography:** Gary Wilmer introduced Kameron Ross, a Maryland Institute College of Art student, who has an interest in old cars--and she drives a 1990 Volvo. Kameron offered to take and share the photos of our members' vehicles. Gary suggested that it would be easiest for her to come to shows where she could take pictures of many vehicles. She was asked to draw the night's 50/50 raffle ticket.

**50/50:** Congratulations to Anne Marie Ramsburg for winning the night's raffle!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Turner, Secretary

**My thoughts on Chesapeake Region's 41st Annual Flea Market...**

By Bill Wurzell

As with many other members, the days leading up to our all-important flea market, I was on pins and needles awaiting the weather forecast for the weekend of March 8. The forecast was pretty promising on Monday, March 3: Cold Friday and Saturday morning, but warming to mid-to upper 50's on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, "Flea Day"!

Friday March 7<sup>th</sup>, around 9 a.m., club officers along with many dedicated members got to work laying out the grid on the Howard County Fairgrounds for parts vendors and car corral vehicles. The past experience of Officers Dan Materazzi, Tom Young and President Gary Wilmer made the effort go a lot smoother. Make no mistake, this is a big, time-consuming job and without it, there would be total chaos. I got firsthand proof of this fact early Saturday morning when I arrived at the fairgrounds around 5:30 a.m. Being retired, this is the earliest I've arisen since I went to the Hershey Show in October of 2013.

When I arrived, nearly all club officers were already working...IN THE DARK! I didn't even get my car parked and there was a line of about a dozen vehicles arriving at the gate. It seemed like Dan knew all the arriving parts vendors. Some of the vendors already knew where their spot was and went to it unassisted. Dan had the grid etched in his head and could tell vendors exactly where their space was. Much of the vendor space was still firm and had a spotty, light coating of week-old snow and ice. That would change as the temperature went up. Unfortunately, a lot of the outdoor spaces had a coating of mud by noontime. The vendors were prepared as most of them had their goods on truck beds and trailers--others had some sort of substrate to lay out their wares. Everyone had heavy-duty boots or high top shoes to deal with the elements--didn't see any flip-flops.

Vendors arrived from all over the surrounding areas. One couple said they left Virginia Beach, VA at 1 a.m. I noticed

other vendors from all parts of Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware and elsewhere. I assisted Dan with the arriving vendors until Tom Young pulled me aside and asked me to handle the people arriving for the car corral. My job was to see that people with vehicles to sell were parked in the assigned spot, a very easy task. Didn't take long, by 6 a.m., my first customer arrived with a 1963 Chevrolet Bel Air sedan on a trailer. The asking price for the Bel Air was only \$1,700. Then we had two early thirties Ford Model-A cars arrive, a mid-sixties Pontiac Bonneville on a trailer, a very desirable 1957 Chevrolet 150 series two-door station wagon, a 90s-era full-size Chevrolet Caprice station wagon in white, and a white, late model GMC Cargo Van, which sold first.

Nick Prevas had made arrangements for a large, powerful generator to power up the coffee pots. Paula Ruby, Vicky Wilmer, and their dedicated staff of volunteers kept the hungry multitudes satisfied. These women worked throughout the day, right up to the closing bell. The pulled pork barbecue sold out quickly but there was an unlimited supply of delicious hotdogs with whatever trimmings anybody could possibly want, along with a huge assortment of irresistible home made sweet treats!

When the sales day ended, the real work began. Member volunteers and officers policed up the grounds of debris, removed trash bags from barrels, relocated all the trash barrels to an undercover pavilion, packed up equipment, and returned things to the Baltimore storage area.

This endeavor could never have succeeded if it wasn't for the hard work and dedication of so many people. In addition to the people mentioned above, special thanks go out to Jim Turner, Franklin Gage, Buzz Diehl, John Gambo, Craig and Mary Whitcraft, Larry Butcher, John Shenton, Wayne McDaniel, Ed and Mary Allen, the brothers Natale--Mike and Robert, and student members Todd and Andrew Wilmer. I am profoundly sorry if I missed anyone, you know who you are and a job well done is it's own reward!