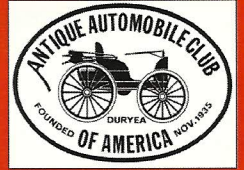


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AT LAST, PLEASANT WEATHER!

Members Turnout For Flowermart, Hampton Mansion Shows

By Bill Wurzell, Editor

Nice spring, car show type weather finally came to Chesapeake Region and members responded in droves! Early May back-to-back events were well attended by a cross-section of members, families and others. These two events can set the tone for the entire season.

The Baltimore Flowermart Exposition is always a well attended event by many people from Baltimore and surrounding counties and visitors from afar. Currently, an extensive restoration

from the Baltimore United Methodist Church. A Gothic edifice that is nearly as old as the Washington Monument; the church opened the doors to its congregation in 1870.

Mount Vernon Place is lined with trees that were dropping all sorts of debris on and into open car windows. The many convertibles present, belonging to Ed & Mary Allen, Frank & Ida Fields, Gary Wilmer, Frank & Janet Ruehl, Jerry & Helen Gordon and 'Buzz' Diehl had to remain 'top up' otherwise they were asking for a 'monumental' interior cleaning job.

Non-convertible owners were the Kenneys, Henry Chaudron, Sr., Norman & Elsie Reese, Bruce Knott, John & Lois Krupinsky, Nick & Linda Prevas, Ruth Synodinos, Pat Wenderoth and Gary and Paula Ruby with Gary's 'baby', his 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air Hardtop that he has owned for thirty-one years!

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The festive atmosphere brings out many 'Flower Hat' Ladies all trying to 'out do' each other!

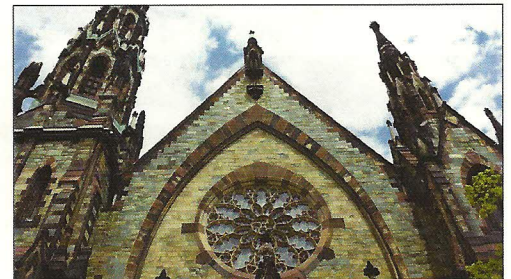
of the 200-year-old, George Washington Monument, the centerpiece in Baltimore's famous Mount Vernon Place Historic District. The major renovation of the monument finds the memorial encased in scaffolding, from top to bottom. President Washington's statue is barely visible from nearly every direction.

This project displaced a few vendors that in prior years encircled the base of the memorial. However, it did not dampen enthusiasm or any

way infringe on the happy, pleasant and festive atmosphere. Ladies of various organizations wearing their flowery creative hats and people sucking on whole lemons through a peppermint stick; all part of the tradition along with artists craftspeople and an array of food vendors.

The same can be said for Chesapeake Region members that brought their cars to share with the multitudes attending the Flowermart. Owners staked out areas near their cars and talked to dozens and dozens, if not hundreds of spectators curious about the 'nice old cars.'

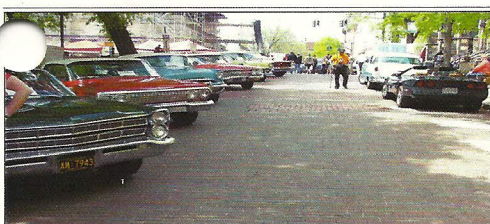
There were seventeen Chesapeake Region member vehicles parked diagonally, pointing East to St. Paul Street. Tom and Anne Kenney's 1960 DeSoto Adventurer and my 1954 DeSoto Firedome were parked at the top of the brick paved Mount Vernon Place, directly across



The graceful spires of The Baltimore United Methodist Church rise majestically skyward. The Gothic architecture cause one to ponder how they were able to create such beauty nearly 150 years ago, which most likely could not be cost-effectively duplicated today.



None of 'The Bulletin's' crack photographers could get a full shot of the Washington Monument; above, the base and portion of the statue. Completely wrapped in scaffolding, it'll take another year for completion.



Mt. Vernon Place, looking west

Baltimore Flowermart and Hampton Mansion Kick Off Chesapeake Region Events

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The festivities at the Flowermart comprise two days. Chesapeake Region members provided vehicles for the Flowermart on Friday, May 2. The Buick Owners Club of Maryland (BOOM) provided vehicles for the second day of the show, Saturday, May 3. They might have been spread a little thin as BOOM members also co-sponsored the show at Hampton Mansion. 'Boom' and Chesapeake Region members are a good fit, as many people belong to both organizations. Chesapeake Region's involvement with The Hampton Mansion event is a first and hopefully will become an annual event.

Co-sponsoring the show with the Buick Owner's made for an interesting mix of vehicles at Hampton Mansion. Spectators had a chance to see vehicles that they haven't seen before or very rarely. Of course, there were a numerous Buick automobiles from nearly all eras. One of my favorite Buick models was on display by owners' Ken and Nancy Schaffer of Hampstead. I hadn't laid eyes on this car previously and was delighted to learn the Schaffers are members of Chesapeake Region Antique Automobile Club of America.

I may have overwhelmed Ken and Nancy as I 'gushed' over their gorgeous



This 1956 Buick Century Riviera two-door hardtop, owned by Ken & Nancy Schaffer, evoked many fond memories

Buick Century, with white roof, red middle and white 'sweepspear'. In the mid-fifties, the Buick Century was considered 'the banker's hotrod.'

During the early sixties, I purchased a 1956 Buick Special two-door hardtop, it was solid 'glacier green,' often referred to as 'seafoam green.' When I bought the car, it only had 24,000 miles and ran like a top. I so hated selling the car but had to return to school and couldn't take the car.

Many C.R. members attending the Flowermart were also present for the 'mansion' show. If you haven't been to The Hampton Mansion, make it a point to see this historic property. I haven't visited for a long time, about fifteen years and had forgotten how wondrous it is and a perfect venue for a car show!

The mansion building was constructed in 1790 which makes it 224 years old. The history of the mansion is not always a proud one. Prior to the civil war, servants made up largely of Negro slaves, abducted from their native lands and indentured servants from Europe did the 'heavy lifting' for decades. The Ridgely family that built the mansion, owned an ironworks and factory that made canons and other ordinance for the Revolutionary War. The Ridgelys were also into, coal-mining, thoroughbred horses, marble quarries, mills and mercantile interests. The Hampton Mansion and property is a National Historic Site.

The Mansion Building is encircled by a wide driveway. The people at the mansion insisted we park show cars in the driveway and not on the grass. This was fine with both clubs because it made a perfect showcase for the vehicles. Members arriving in show cars drove all the way around the mansion, and 'queue up' behind the vehicle in front; nice and flat, easy walking.

It was very enjoyable browsing around the circular driveway and observing each vehicle. A complete list of participants from The Flowermart and Hampton Mansion shows appears elsewhere in the bulletin.--Bill Wurzell



C.R. Activities Director Tom Kenney's, not exactly tiny, 1960 DeSoto Adventurer is dwarfed by the massive Hampton Mansion. The Mansion probably had many fine cars grace it's driveway over the years, not to mention 'horse-drawn carriages.'



An interior view of one of the sitting rooms in The Hampton Mansion, National Historic Site, Baltimore County



Typical setting for afternoon tea at the genteel Ridgely family mansion during early nineteenth century



Beth Muscedere's 1916 Ford Model 'T'

Thanks to those that participated:

Members attending the 2014 Baltimore Flowermart with their vehicles included: Jerry & Helen Gordon, Gary Wilmer, Tom & Anne Kenney, Ed & Mary Allen, Henry Chaudron, Sr., Norman & Elsie Reece, Bruce Knott, John & Lois Krupinsky, Frank & Janet Reuhl, Nick & Linda Prevas, Ruth Synodinos, Pat Wenderoth, Paula & Gary Ruby, Harold Diehl, Bill Wurzell.

HAMPTON MANSION SHOW

In order of appearance: Chris Grosweiler, 1954 Buick Special; Hank Reus, Jr., 1930 Ford Model A; Henry Chaudron, Sr., 1955 Pontiac Chieftain; Bruce Knott, 1967 Ford Galaxy; John Eisenhardt, 1965 Pontiac Convertible; Ken & Nancy Schaffer, 1956 Buick Century; Bob Natale, 1973 Buick Riveria; Jim Grossweiler, 1960 Imperial Southampton; Joanna Day & Read Van Zile, 1963 Thunderbird, 'ol' gal'; Mike Natale, 1965 Corvair Corsa; Dan Materazzi, 1956 Corvette, Martin Herman, 1963 Buick LeSabre; Marla Herman, 1979 Mercedes-Benz 450, SL; Harold Diehl, 1990 Corvette; Ray Adler, 1988 Jaguar; Joe Sordillo, 1950 Ford Custom; Ruth Synodinos, 1947 Cadillac; Kevin Perkins, 1959 Chevrolet; Bill [unclear], 1966 Buick Electra; T. W. Scott, 1957 Pontiac Starchief; Lewis Mendenhall, 1952 Hudson Commodore; Wanda Mendenhall, 1954 Hudson Hornet; Paula Ruby, 1937 Packard Custom; John Durand & Connye Kuratko, 1990 Buick Reatta; Beth Muscedere, 1916 Ford Model 'T'; Willard Eysaman, 1990 Buick Riveria; Pat Wenderoth, 1964 Lincoln Continental; Ron & Julie Siegrist, 1952 Oldsmobile 98; Tom & Anne Kenney, 1960 DeSoto Adventurer.

Cromwell Valley Arts Festival, 'In The Park'

Members were invited to bring their cars to the annual Cromwell Valley Arts Festival held on Saturday and Sunday, May 10 and 11.

Unfortunately, Saturday was pretty much rained out. Heavy rain and thunderstorms were predicted for Saturday and they came. Nevertheless, Chesapeake Region had some diehard attendees: Ron and Julie Siegrist, Dan Denham, Harold Diehl, Nick & Linda Prevas survived the rain.

Sunday was Mother's Day and a perfectly beautiful, warm sunny and dry day. Troopers Ron and Julie came again, Wilmer Morrison, along with Jim Turner and Bill Wurzell, with dueling DeSotos!



'Goodness, gracious; where do I start?'



1960 Chevrolet Impala convertible, Frank & Ida Fields



Linda Prevas found something to keep Nick out of mischief



1955 Pontiac Starchief Hardtop, Henry Chaudron, Sr.



Lots of people brought their pets... 'for a stroll'



1955 Chevrolet Bel Air Hardtop, Gary Ruby



Another view of Baltimore's Washington Monument



1956 Ford F-100, John & Lois Krupinsky



'The Ruehl's' 1958 Ford Skyliner Convertible, 'in action!'



1957 Chevrolet Bel Air Convertible, Ed & Mary Allen