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#### THE SHOW WENT ON AUGUST 3rd

# After Years Of Mostly Excellent Weather For Howard County Fair & Car Show, 2014 Nearly 'Rained Out'

By Bill Wurzell, Editor

Sunday, August 3rd started out ugly and then got uglier! Unlike the previous week, the weather forecasters got this one right. Ominous predictions of heavy rain and possible thunderstorms all day on Sunday... *Show Day*. By the looks of the rain falling outside my condo at 6:30 a.m., I thought the whole County Fair would be a 'washout.' Around 10:00 the overcast lifted and the rain slowed to a drizzle.

Not wanting to take my DeSoto out in the rain and sloppy roads, I decided to ride over to the fair in my daily driver; I'm glad I did. What a pleasant surprise to see so many cars on the show field; well, many cars considering how much precipitation had fallen. The number of cars probably came to about fifty per cent of what we would have had if the weather cooperated. Around 11 a.m., the rain stopped and the temperature was a little on the cool side for August but made it pleasant walking around the midway without breaking a

sweat. President Gary Wilmer and Vice President Tom Young were 'manning' the gate and directing arriving vehicles. Gary and Tom had plenty of help from Membership Chairman: Dan Materazzi and all around 'Mr. Nice Guy,' Franklin Gage. Club Secretary, Jim Turner's day began very early and in the pouring rain. Jim volunteered to pick up tables and other equipment from the club's garage with his

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pickup truck and transport to the fair. Jim's day began at 5:30 a.m. and wouldn't end until after the show was over and equipment was loaded back on his truck and returned to the club's storage facility.

The Howard County Show is Chesapeake Region's only 'judged' event and the absolute busiest officer was Chief Judge Gene Sauter. Gene, along with his son, brought two cars to the show. His

1925 Buick Victoria Coupe 'resto rod' and recently restored 1937 Wolseley 'Saloon.' There were many nonmembers attending the show. Everyone took notice of a 'highly optioned' 1958 Chevrolet Impala Convertible, factory big block, 'Turbo-Glide', air-conditioning, power steering, brakes and windows, dual spots and fender skirts, wow! Bob Gunder of Pennsylvania was the owner and restorer of the Impala, Along with his son.

Another 'out of towner' was Raj Sakar continued to page 2



Chief Judge, Gene Sauter, congratulates Tammy Fleming, winning 'Best Of Show Modified' for her 1967 Chevrolet Camero Convertible.



Chief Judge, Gene Sauter, congratulates Bob Gunder for 'Best Of Show Antique,' for his 1958 high-optioned Chevrolet Impala Convertible.



'Stunning,' 1958 Chevrolet Impala convertible, belonging to Bob Gunder of Pennsylvania

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with a 'pristine' 1953 Bentley R-type Saloon. Beautiful red leather interior and a manual opening sunroof. This car was right hand drive with a small, four-speed shifter on the floor at the driver's right hand; between the seat and 'suicide opening' front door, very tight spacewise. Anybody with 'popeye' forearms is not going to drive this car easily. Even though the Bentley is 61 years old it looked much newer.

## Ruth Synodinos Receives 'Best Of Decade' At Meadowood Car Show

All around 'grand lady', patron and devoted member of Chesapeake Region, Ruth Synodinos, received 'Best Of Decade' Award from the Buick Owners Club Of Maryland and Vintage Chevrolet Club of America. The award plaque wasn't available at the Meadowood show; it was given to President Gary Wilmer to present at the CR membership meeting on August 11. The award is for Ruth's 'elegant' 1947 Cadillac; a whole decade of recognition.

We further believe the award is for Ms Synodinos herself for her untiring dedication to all three antique automobile organizations mentioned above. Congratulations Ruth, from all your friends at Chesapeake Region!



President Gary Wilmer presents Ruth Synodinos 'Best Of Decade' on behalf of BOOM & V.C.C.A.





Longtime devoted Chesapeake Region members, from left to right: Ed Frank and wife Dorothy, in front of Dorothy, Ed's sister, Mabel Frank. In the car are more recent generations of the Frank family. Seated behind the steering wheel of the 1911 'brass era' Buick automobile is nephew John.



Picture above: The 1967 Chevrolet Camaro convertible owned by Tammy Fleming. Ms Fleming's beautiful candy-apple red Camaro grabbed 'Best Of Show' in the 'modified' category at the 2014 Howard County Fair and Car Show sponsored by Chesapeake Region Antique Automobile Club of America.



Above, a view of many of the vehicles on display in the 2014 Howard County Fair and Car Show, August 3rd. Twenty-Eight cars were in the 'antique' group and 13 cars in the 'modified' group. Heavy rain overnight and early morning curtailed the number of participants.

### 'Museum Of Industry' Show In Baltimore, Simply Delightful!

Chesapeake Region's sponsored show at Baltimore's wondrous 'Museum of Industry' may get the vote for the nicest show of the season.

Weather on August 17th could not have been more pleasant. The scenery surrounding the Museum property presented a picture perfect venue. A beautiful marina with different types of boats and even graceful sail boats on the waters of the Inner Harbor were majestic.

Our members were joined by members of other automobile clubs and a couple that didn't belong to any club; didn't matter, everybody socialized like they were old friends. Even occasionally irascible 'stud-muffins,' Nick Prevas and Gary Ruby were on their best behavior. Of course, Linda and Paula made doubly sure of that.

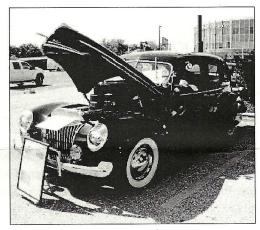
Gary was getting a lot of interest in his latest acquisition, a 1965 Ford Mustang Coupe. What a nice Mustang. Inline six cylinder linked to a easy shifting threespeed floor mounted shifter. This is the model that took the automotive world by storm in the middle of 1964. There was so much demand for the 1964<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Mustang, high school age boys were volunteering to wash cars at Ford Dealerships just to get a chance to drive one.

Another notable vehicle on display was a very unique 1961 International Scout, owned by Henry Chaudron's grandson: Henry Chaudron, III, a student member of Chesapeake Region. The International Harvester 'Scout' was an out and out challenge to the venerable Jeep Models. Both were rugged, go anywhere vehicles that rode about as nice as an unsprung 'buckboard.' But, they would go anywhere you aimed them, in any kind of weather.

I attended this show two years ago and I visited the Museum, why not? It's free! However, I don't remember the large area devoted to the printing industry. I worked in newspaper and commercial printing for forty years. When I began my career in 1965, at a daily newspaper in Pennsylvania, I worked on the same equipment they had on display. During my apprenticeship, I learned to operate a 'Linotype' line casting machine that created the type for placement into commercial ads and news pages. I also operated a 'Ludlow' which was used for setting type in larger font sizes. The 'type' was cast in molten lead and was very hot to the touch when exiting the machine, thus, it was known as 'hot type.' The area devoted to the printing industry, was very nostalgic and brought back many fond memories of people I worked with long ago, including my dear father.--Bill Wurzell

#### **ATTENDEES**

Gary Wilmer, Gary & Paula Ruby (officers of the day) Craig Whitcraft, Chuck Talbert, Nick & Linda Prevas, Dan & Terry Materazzi, Bill Wurzell, Buzz Diehl, Henry Chaudron & Barb Muldowney, Henry Chaudron III, Ed Butler, Tom & Ryan Golden, John & Lois Krupinsky, Jim Turner, Wayne McDaniel and family, Mike Natale, Bruce Knott & Mary Ruth, Joanne Day & Read Van Zile, Ed & Mary Allen, Frank & Ida Fields, John & Rick Gambo, John Shenton, Ron & Julie Siegrist, Ruth Synodinos. Winners of the People's Choice Award: Frank and Ida Fields for their 1960 Chevrolet Impala convertible!



Chuck Talbert's 'historically significant' 1939 Ford Four Door Sedan



Gary Ruby's 'super nice' 1965 Ford Mustang



Nick, Buzz and Dan (partially hidden) are trying to figure a way to 'confiscate' the giant crane over Nick's shoulder. They are positive it will fit in Dan's '56 Corvette. 'Corvette guys'...you gotta luv 'em!

## List Of Participants At The 2014 Howard County Fair and Vehicle Show, August 3

The following are the brave folks that in spite of the heavy rain brought their cars to the show.

Antique Category

Franklin Gage, 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air Gene Sauter, 1937 Wolseley Saloon Mike Grear, 1931 Ford Model A Sport Coupe Raymond Ray 1928 Ford Model A Dave Sturges, 1928 Ford Special Coupe Danny Edwards, 1930 Ford Double 'A' Chuck Talbert, 1990 Plymouth Sundance Jason Parker, 1970 Ford Mustang Mach I Donald Gurzell, 1952 MG td John Lang, 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle H.T. Rick McCalley, 1972 Pontiac Firebird Rick McCalley, 1978 Chevrolet Corvette William Osorio, 1963 Austin 'Mini' George Harriss, IV, 1972 Dodge Charger Craig Whiteraft, 1934 Ford Pickup Truck Bob Wilcox, 1969 Pontiac Firebird convt. Bob Gunder, 1958 Chevrolet Impala convt. Gabby Watson, 1965 Ford Custom 500 Joe Angelozzi, 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air

Frank Ruehl, Jr., 1978 Jeep J-20 Pickup Jesse Stamer, 1967 Ford Mustang Frank Ruehl, 1937 Buick Special Jim Ritter, 1954 Chevrolet 210 Sedan Danny Knell, 1950 Ford F-1 Pickup Truck Nick Prevas, 1966 Chevrolet Corvette Richard Worley, 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air Michael Natale, 1965 Chevy Corvair 'Corsa' John Stamberg, 1924 Chrysler B70 Touring Raj Sarkar, 1953 Bentley R-type Saloon

Modified Category

Gene Sauter, 1925 Buick Victoria Coupe Don Davis, 1966 Chevrolet Corvette Steven Futrowsky, 1969 Mercury Cougar Craig Watkins, 1963½ Ford Galaxie 500 Jim Brent, 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air Hardtop Keith Watson, 1965 Ford Custom Tammy Fleming, 1967 Chevy Camaro convt. Peggy & John Ritter 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air Joe Klunk, 1968 Chevrolet Chevelle