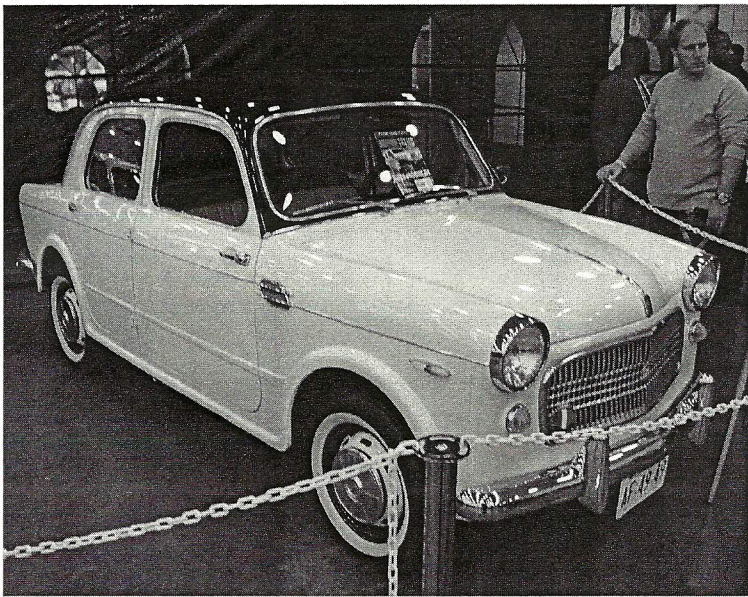


## Martin Herman's 1959 Fiat 1100 Sedan, Appears In Hemmings



*Bulletin file photo: The above photo of Martin Herman's 1959 Fiat 1100 was taken at the 2013 Motor Trend Auto Show in early February held at the Baltimore Convention Center.*

*The Bulletin's* eagle-eyed operative, Chesapeake Region Membership Chairman, Dan Materazzi spotted Martin Herman's 1959 Fiat 1100 in the October, 2014 edition of Hemming's Motor News. It appears at the bottom of page 62. Mr. Herman's Fiat 1100 captured a First Junior at the Eastern Spring Meet in Buffalo, NY.

In First Junior Class, vehicles are judged in the Junior category at AACA national meets until they win First Junior award. The highest scoring vehicle in a class and at or above the 365 point minimum, is a First Junior winner with all other vehicles scoring within 10 points of the highest scoring vehicle. Upon winning a First Junior award, the vehicle receives a National First Prize badge which must be affixed to the vehicle. The badge must be present to be eligible in competition for Senior Award.

### *Are You Up To A Challenge Such As Willis Terret Recently Completed?*

Guess what? It's another DeSoto! Yep, we know of a 1955 Firedome sedan that has been sitting in a local private garage since 1978, 36 years. Nothing, repeat nothing has been done to the car since it was pulled into the garage.

The paint, interior and general appearance are okay and it looks to be relatively rust free. Unfortunately, there is nothing really remarkable about the car unless you consider that it has 'factory air-conditioning.' This option adds a certain caveat to the equation, nevertheless it's still a four door sedan.

The owner of the car has a figure in mind for the car and will not budge. We believe his sale figure makes the car a risky proposition for even a partial restoration. It really is the proverbial 'pig-in-a-poke.' Certainly, if the car were a convertible, two-door hardtop or even a station wagon, with or without A/C, the car would have been rescued long ago. If interested, serious inquires can contact the Chesapeake Bulletin editor for more information.

## WELL ATTENDED

### Soggy Saturday For The Arcadia Steam And Antique Vehicle Show

*By Bill Wurzell, Editor*

With my '54 DeSoto in the repair shop and unavailable, I attended the 59th Arcadia Steam Show in Upperco, sponsored by The Maryland Steam Historical Society, Inc., using my daily driver. This 'show' is a four day shindig and Saturday is *the* big day and the day of the antique car show.

There are many advantages to having an antique vehicle when going to a show that you might not think about until they hit you between the eyes. This show is very well attended with throngs of people coming from all over the country. Because of this and the sheer magnitude of this show, there are lots of vehicles which means instead of me getting to drive right past thousands of parked vehicles and onto the show field, I have to park the daily driver among those thousands of vehicles...and *WALK!*

So, I 'hoofed' it. I guess I was lucky because I only had to walk about a half mile to the showfield, although it was mostly uphill on wet grass. When I finally got to the showfield I was disappointed in the turnout. I couldn't blame people, even if my DeSoto was drivable, I probably wouldn't have brought her out due to the predicted rain, mostly all day.

Chesapeake Region was well represented, President Gary Wilmer, John Krupinsky, Jr., and wife Lois; Chuck Talbert, Jr. I even spotted Doris Phelps (see page 2) in a one hundred foot long food line but I didn't see any of her vehicles. There were some interesting cars present that I had never seen including a 1950 Studebaker, rough but intact, totally original condition.

I walked around checking out the numerous displays and vendors selling just about anything you can imagine. The longer the morning wore on the more it rained. I didn't hear any complaints; the people at this show are a 'hail and hardy' bunch. They have to be, most of them are farmers; who is more rugged and adaptable than a 'salt of the earth' farmer? It's also fun watching 11 and 12 year old boys and girls driving gigantic tractors like pros.

I held out as long as I could but I'm a sucker for funnel cake and the local Kiwanis Club has the market cornered at The Arcadia, Steam Show; it's the best I've ever had.



*I failed to take a picture of the windshield card for identification. I think it's a 1950 Studebaker Champion. It's a sedan with 'center' opening doors.*